

A PRACTICAL SCHEME Of the Secret Disease, *1174007* And Broken CONSTITUTIONS. *116*

Teaching Persons, I st. To understand rightly their own CASE:
Whether Infected or not: In what Degree of Malignity: And
if perfectly well after former Cures.

II. To Cure themselves in a Few Days as well as if no such thing
had ever been, of Secret Injuries, Heats of Urine, Old Gleet, &
other Weaknesses: also a Broken, Spoiled, Decayed and Ruined
Constitution and Habit of Body, by Fast-Living, Former ill
Cures, Salivations, and Mercury, without Slip-Slops of Phy-
sick, Suspicion, Confinement, or Telling their Case to any one.

Clearly explaining to any Person the most certain Signs to know
this Disease by, with the true method of Curing it: As When?
How much? And what sort of Purging is Necessary for the
Cure of it? And what Degrees of it may be cured without.

*Being the most Methodical Account of the Secret Disease ever yet Publi-
shed: And consequently is worth any ones Reading, who either ever
Were: Are now: Or probably may be in any Venereal Circumstances
whatsoever: & wish their own & Posterity's welfare.*

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German: Low Dutch: Spanish: Italian: Portuguese: Swe-
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At Mrs. Garway's at the Royal Exchange Gate next Cornhil.

At Mr. Coopers a Toy Shop the corner of Charles Court by Hungerford-
Market near Charing Cross.

And Up One Pair of Stairs at the Sign of the Sugar-Loaf a Confection-
ers Shop over against Old Round Court near the New Exchange in
the Strand, Where ONLY and no where else the following Necklace
belonging to the Philosophical Essay at the end of this Scheme, is to be had.

Dedicated to Dr. CHAMBERLEN.

The Seventeenth Edition. Entered in the Hall-Book.

NOTE. That altho the following Philosophical Essay
(which I desire all my Readers seriously to peruse)
upon The Celebrated Anodyne NECKLACE Recommended by
Dr Chamberlen for Children's TEEETH, &c. at the end of this
Scheme, is Given away at all the 3 just now mentioned Places
together with this Scheme, being joined both together in this
Book: Yet the Necklace it self is to be had only at the Last of
these 3 places, that is, at the abovementioned Sugar-Loaf over
against Old Round Court in the Strand, & not at the 2 other places.

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To the Worthy Dr. Paul Chamberlen.

SR. Having had the Honour to Communicate to you in your Cloſſet, on the 19th of Novem: 1715. The whole Secret and Preparations of thoſe Great Medicines now ſo well known by the Names of the Specifick Remedy and Elixir for The Secret Diſeaſe and Broken Conſtitutions: You was pleaſed not only to Honour them then with your High Eſteem; but alſo afterwards to give the following large Approbation of Them & the hereafter mentioned Necklace, Signed with your own Hand, with leave to Publish it to the World. Your frequent ſending alſo for theſe Remedies to Cure your own POOR Patients with, is not for want of knowing the very beſt Methods of Cure in theſe Caſes, if you would but give your ſelf the Trouble publickly to undertake them: But your Practice lying Entirely another Way, You was pleaſed to tell me that out of Your Great Value for THESE Remedies above all other Methods of Cure whatſoever in the World, you uſed 'em for Surety and Expeditionneſs ſake, to Cure the Poor with. And as the Former Editions of this Book have been always Honour'd with your Eſteem, ſo I am ſtill proud to preſent the World with this New Edition under the Protection of your GREAT NAME.

Not Deſigning therefore to Write here a long Speculative Treatiſe of the Venereal Diſtemper, but a Short Practical Method of it's Cure: I ſhall Omit all unneceſſary Preambles of it's Antiquity, Different Names &c. the knowledge of which will not make a Patient a bit the better: and only Trouble my Reader with what ſhall be Neceſſary to underſtand his own Caſe by; and to Cure himſelf: as I promiſed him in the Title Page, and which without doubt was his ſole Inducement to Fetch or ſend for the Book.

And indeed 'tis ſuch a little Book as This, that Gentlemen and others have a long Time wanted, whoſe Aim to be ſure is to get themſelves WELL, and not to be Informed, How many Different Names the Diſeaſe has? Whether known to the Ancients or not? and ſuch like matters Alien to their Cure. 'Tis ſufficient to Their Sorrow that it is Miſfortunatly known to Them: and therefore Their buſineſs is to get CURED of it as ſoon as they can, and not to be ſollicitous whether the Ancients had it or not? Gentlemen are Ill, and 'tis a CURE they want. And this not any ſort of CURE: Not a False Palliative CURE by pernicious Mercurials and Aſtringents: But — A Pleaſant Cure without Diet-Drinks, Bolus's and Pills. — An Expedition Cure that's preſently over. — A Safe Cure without Danger of Relapſe — An Eaſy Cure without Confinement at Home. — And a Private Cure that no body may know any thing of the Matter. — Theſe are the Articles Gentlemen want; and all theſe they will ſatisfactorily find in this little Tract, throughout which the moſt Modeſt Claſs of Mankind ſhall not be Shocked, nor the Chafteſt Mind even Sullied or Offended.

Doctor Chamberlen's Approbation,

I Paul Chamberlen Dr. in Phyſick do hereby teſtifie to all Perſons whom this may concern, that I entirely Approve of, Adviſe, and Recommend to the World the uſe of the hereafter mentioned Remedies (which have been Published now for a long time in ſeveral Languages with a conſtant and uninterrupted ſucceſs) as the very beſt that in my opinion have ever been known, publiſhed, or made uſe of for the following Diſtempers.

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1st. For the Secret Disease : Broken Constitutions : King's Evil : Gout : Rheumatism : Scurvy, &c. The invaluable Specifick Remedy and Elixir belonging to The Practicall Scheme.

2dly For the Easy Breeding and Cutting of Childrens Teeth : Women in Labour : And Distempers of the Head, The Soverain Necklace whose Virtues are ingeniously explicated in The Essay writ upon it.

My judgment therefore Opinion and Advice is, that Persons in those Circumstances, can use no Better, Safer, and withall more Effectual Remedies in the whole Compass of Physick then these, whose Use I hereby Advise to all Patients : Because I believe from my Experience of it The Specifick Remedy to be the only ONE thing in the World entirely to Root out, and Carry off any Venereal Infection, and consequently to perform a Cure with the greatest Pleasure, Ease, Safety, Privacy, Certainty, and Expedition of any Antivenereal Remedy ever yet known or Published being a Non-such in it's kind for this end. The same also I say of the Elixir for Broken Constitutions, as all who try them will to their Comfort find. So that had these excellent Remedies been but published formerly as they are now, Gentlemen and others who had known of them would (in my Opinion) have taken nothing else.

I am also fully convinced that the abovementioned NECKLACE is the most Homogeneous, and consequently the most NATURALLY proportioned Remedy in the World to Strengthen and Open the Alveoli or Sockets of the Gums in Children, and thereby to make them Easily Breed, and Cut their Teeth without any Convulsions, Feavers, or pain at all, & consequently will save many a Childs life : Also to give an Easy Time to Women in Labour : & Cure most Distempers of the Head, by a very particular property it is endowed with of fortifying, and Strengthening the Brain.

For which reason I recommend to every Person's serious perusal before they use these Remedies those Two most Excellent little Treatises which the Ingenious and Learned Author has writ upon them, and Gives away Gratis (at a very great Expence) in several Languages, Entituled

1st. A Practicall Scheme of Secret Injuries and Broken Constitutions.

2dly, A Philosophical Essay upon This Admirable NECKLACE.

And to satisfie the World that this is my real Sentiment Opinion and Advice; I do here own that I my self have not only now for several Years in my Practice almost daily made use of these very same Remedies, but also continue still so to do ; & that with so much the greater Pleasure and satisfaction of mind, because I experience them to be Safe, Certain & Effectual, entirely answering the Ends for which they are proposed. These being those great Secrets which former Ages have continually been endeavouring to find out, but never could : and therefore for want of them our Forefathers were obliged to prolong very much their Cures, by going round about the Bush. But what must we say ? The time of their Discovery was not yet come. They were designed only for this lucky Author, who happily has Hit upon them. And as for the Necklace in particular I my self constantly Wear one on each Leg by way of Garters for the Cramp, which for many Years before I wore them I was grievously afflicted with ; & for which I also Recommend it. As Witness my Hand this 13th of SEPT. 1716.

Paul Chamberlain

CHAP. I. Of the true Cause and Nature of the Secret Disease.

According to the Principles of the New Philosophy, whose follower I own my self to be (For having gone thro an *Aristotelian* course in the University in my Younger Years before I began the Study of *Physick*, I found my self so little Wiser in the knowledge of *Nature*, and *Occult Qualities*: that 'till I had Recourse to a more satisfactory System I continually reason'd in the Dark.)

According I say to these Principles: A promiscuous Mixture of different Company in one and the same Woman (from the Heat of the Parts wherein it is lodged, and the different Activity of Spirits, and Volatil Salts with which different Men abound) does so Rarifie & Ferment in the Womb, as to become a most violent ACID CORRUPTED Matter; which being of a *Venomous* sharp Fretting, and Corroding Nature (as all *Acids* are, from the Rough, Ragged and Sharp pointed Figure and Shape of their constituent parts in which their Acidity and Corruption consists) by consequence *Infects, Frets, Corrodes, Corrupts, Exulcerates* and *Eats* into whatever part or parts it once only Touches, *Wets* and *Besmears*: And in this consists originally the true Cause and Nature of all *Venercal Infection*. So that when any Person is said to have the *Venercal Disease*; the Meaning is, That they have been in Circumstances where this Corrupted Matter has *Wet* and *Besmear'd* some part or other of their Body, and thereby has *Fretted, Corrupted, & Eat* into it, and so caused those Disorders they complain of.

Oftentimes also too much Overstraining will cause a *Running Weakness, and Gonorrhœa* very much resembling the Secret Disease, which if rightly managed may be easily cured by the same Remedies that take away a *Venercal Running*

This being thus Premised, 'tis easy now to explicate every Single Step, Stage, and Progress of the Disease. For any Man that pretendsto Cure a Distemper whose Nature he does not perfectly, as well according to the Principles of Philosophy as *Anatomy* understand, that he may rightly know How & When to oppose *Acids* to *Alcalies*, and *Alcalies* to *Acids* in which all Distempers consist, acts only by Rote, and is not to depended on.

Chap. II. Of the 3 Different Stages and Degrees of the Secret Disease.

1st Stage. **T**His Venomous Corrupted Venercal Matter just now mentioned *Wetting* and *Besmearing* in the Act the *Private parts* not only *Outwardly*: But also insinuating it self *Inwardly* into the passage; by consequence it *Frets Corrodes Corrupts, Exulcerates* and *Eats* thro into, not only the Pores, *Orifices*, and *Miliary Glands* of the *Skin Outwardly*; But also the *Mucous Glands* in the passage *Inwardly*: and thereby causes a *Tenderness, Heat, Redness, Itching, and Inflammation, Small Pustules, Wheals, Blisters*, and little *Ulcers* both without on the private Parts and also within the passage (the true *Seat* of what is commonly [tho improperly] called a *Gonorrhœa*) Just as the powder of *Spanish Flies* raises *Wheals* and

Blisters wherever it Touches, and lies but some little time: Or as *Aqua Fortis* (another strong *Acid*) Eats thro, Frets, Corrodes, and Excoriates any thing it once Touches. Hence proceeds

1st That putrid Matter which Drips and Owzes away, and appears in *Clammy Drops* upon Squeezing the Part: For by Squeezing it, you Squeeze and press the *Corruption* contained in those little *Ulcers* and *Blisters* in the *Urethra*, out at the *Orifice* of the *Passage*.

2^{ly} That pain called Heat of *Urine*: Not that the *Urine* is hotter in it self at that Time then others, but the passage being full of these little *Blisters* and *Ulcers* is Raw and Sore, and by consequence is Fretted by the Pungitive Figure of the *Acrimonious Salts* of the *Urine*, and so Smarts and seems, as it were, to Burn and Scald as it goes thro, just as any other Raw sore place Divested of it's *Sarf Skin* will do, if you throw *Urine* or *Salt water* upon it. And thus far is the 1st Stage of the Disease in which 'tis called a *Liminary Clap* or outside Infection, being in reality no more as yet than a meer *Superficial Ulcer*, and *Local Injury*, and therefore may with Care be Cured Mostly by outward applications without much *Purging* or taking of *Physick* Inwardly: As the *Venom* of a *Viper* & *Foam* of a *Mad Dog* (Poisons infinitely more *Active* then all the *Venercal Poisons* in the World) by timely applications outwardly may be Attracted, & Washed off, without many Medicines taken Inwardly.

This Disease may be also contracted by Lying only in the same Bed with an Infected Person: or by a *Nurse's* Suckling or Kissing an Infected Child: Or a Child's Sucking or Kissing an Infected Nurse; from the *Venercal Steams* and *Effluvias* that communicate themselves from one to the other.

2^d. Stage. **T**His Venomous Corrupted Matter Fermenting and creeping still more and more down the Passage corrupts the *Liquor* in the *Mucous Glands*, Naturally separated for the *Lubrication* of the *Urethra*: the sharpness of which Corruption Stimulates those *Glands* and their *Excretory Ducts*, and so Excites that *Efflux*, and Quantity of Matter which comes away, and is commonly called a **R U N N I N G**.

After this the *Venom* Creeps and Insinuates it self a little farther, till by Degrees it Seizes on the *Seminal Vessels*, and there Creates *Ulcers* and corrupts the *Seed*; which at length by reason of the parts having lost their Springyness and Retentive Faculty, Involuntarily comes away, in which consists properly a *Gonorrhoea* or *Virulent Running*: and is usually attended with Swellings in the *Groins* and *Testicles*, *Shancrous Ulcers*, and a *Cordee*, which is a Contraction of the *Bridle* in *Men*, from it's being swell'd which makes it Thicker and consequently shorter, and therefore it pulls down the *Nut* as if it were Girt hard with a *Cord*, causing great pain especially in the *Night* when hot in *Bed*. And this is the 2^d Stage in which it is call'd a *Virulent Clap*.

3^d Stage. **T**HE Infection still Increasing, Eats its way thro into the *Capillary ends* of the *Lymphatick Vessels* and *Lacteals*.

real Veins and throws it self into the *Blood*; 'till the whole *Mass* is Corrupted; the *Juices* and *Fluids* all Vitiated and Infected; and the *Body* overrun with *Breakings out, Blotches, Ulcers, Boiles, Bubo's, Swellings, Spots, Pains, &c.* And this is the 3d. and last *Stage* of the *Disease*, in which in plain *English* and without mincing the matter, it now changes its old Name of a *Clap* into that of the *POX*. Which 3 *Stages*, are the different *Steps, Degrees, and Progresses* of the *Distemper* from the very first slightest *Running or Heat of Urine*, to the last most miserable condition Imaginable.

From what therefore has been here said it plainly appears, That

In the 1st *Degree or Stage* of this *Distemper*, Persons have commonly some small *Heat of Urine*, with a little *Inflammation, Swelling and Redness* outwardly of the parts, especially the *Foreskin*, with little *Owzings and Drippings* of Corrupted Matter from the *Urinary Passage*, especially upon squeezing it.

In the 2d *Stage*, They have (besides the just now mentioned Symptoms) also a *Running of Yellowish or Greenish Corrupted Matter*, usually attended with *Swellings in the Groins & Testicles*, little *Blisters, Wheals, Pustules*, and *Shancrous Ulcers* on the part, & a *Cordee*.

In the 3d and last *Stage*, The *Blood* is Infected, the *Juices* and *Fluids* of the *Body* are all Vitiated and Corrupted, with *Breakings out, Bubo's, Blotches, Boiles, Swellings, Spots, and Pains*.

But besides these 3 *Stages* there is yet another much worse *State* proceeding from this *Distemper*, of which in the following Chap.

Chap. III. Of another most unhappy *State* proceeding from this *Disease*, different from any of its 3 *Stages* and much worse then any of them.

BESIDES the 3 just now mentioned *Stages* of the *Disease* there is yet another much more unhappy *State* in which the greatest part of Mankind misfortunately find themselves: which is; A Broken spoiled and Ruined Constitution and Habit of Body oftentimes attended with a Continual Gleet commonly looked upon as Incurable: (no pleasant Companion to a clean neat Man, and which in Time will bring on a Consumption) after former Ill Cures: particularly after *Salivations* and taking of *Mercury*, which ought to have been, (but was not,) well carried off, and therefore Lies Lurking in the very Bones of the poor Ruined Patient. So that after a *Salivation* is over, and a Cure seemingly performed: commonly there remains several pernicious Symptoms of the *Disease*, or else some fatal Relicks of the *Mercury* (oftentimes the worse Evil of the two) which afterwards makes a Havock in the *Body*, and sooner or later will shew themselves by *Spots, Breakings out, wandering pains* about the *Body*, *Weakness and Pains in the Back and Reins, Tremblings in the Joints, Heaviness and Numbness of the Limbs, Giddyness in the Head, Owzings, and small Gleans, Thick foul Offensive Urine, with Threads, Films, Skins and as it were Hairs in it, with a Greasy Scum at the Top, and a Thick Matter settling at the Bottom, with a Sharpness, Pain, Heat, or Stoppage in the making it, together with several other such Weaknesses and Disorders*. Than which, nothing is more common after ill managed

Cures as too many unhappy Persons Daily experience, rendring life entirely uneasy for want of Health, which is indeed its only Sauce, for as *Martial* says *Non est Vivere, sed VALERE Vita*, & commonly ends in the utter Ruin of the poor Patient, who from a Strong, Healthy, Vigorous, Sound, Hail Person, oftentimes becomes of an Infirm, Broken, Weak, miserable Constitution.

Now to Remedy these Evils after former Cures, the usual Method is to prescribe to these poor unhappy Persons (whose Miseries make 'em credulous to almost every thing) Bottles of *Diet-Drinks*, Boxes of *Balsamick Pills*, strengthening *Bolus's* and other such like Nauseous, and tedious Courses of *Physick*. But alas! The poor Patient has been Tired too much with such loads of *Physick* already to take any more: This Method as *Juvenal* saies *Plus Aloes quam Mellis habet*, and therefore not being able to submit to it (tho nevertheless oftener Ineffectual then otherwise) sacrifices his Health to compliment his Palate, and so become utterly Ruined and miserable purely because he cannot take *Physick* (looking upon the Remedy to be worse than the Disease) or at least for want of a more compendious Method then is usually practised: For as *Seneca* says, *Ubi Turpis est Medicina Sanari piget*. And indeed nothing is more true then the old saying *Qui medice vivit, misere vivit*, Those who live under courses of *Physick* live miserably.

If therefore no other means would do: these long and tedious courses of *Physick* must be undergone: But other more effectual Remedies are now found out: and therefore for this unhappy State I shall in the 10 Chapter of this Book propose a much more Easy & Compendious Method of Cure, by an Extraordinary Chymical *Elixir*, prepared on purpose for this end, and which any one that will but be pleased to Try, will find in a very particular manner to carry off the Illeffects of *Salivations* and *Mercury* after former Cures, and thereby supply in a much more eminent Degree the stead of, *Diet-Drinks* and other such courses of *Physick*. So that Persons by the use of it will in a little time be perfectly Restored to their former entire Health, Strength, and Vigour of Constitution, and therefore will have reason to bless the happy Moment that ever this little Book fell into their Hands, if they do not neglect it; which if they do, perhaps they may never have the like favourable Moment again to recover their Healths in, for as *Mr. Dryden* says

The Lucky have whole Days in which to Choose:

Th' Unlucky have but Moments, those they lose.

But (to return to our former subject: For of this Unhappy State and its Cure, I shall speak more hereafter in the 10 Chap.) because some are so very Ignorant, or rather unacquainted with the Distemper, that from what has been hitherto said, they may not yet sufficiently know what ails them, not observing the approaches of it so Nicely as I have here done; thro Inadvertency complaining of Latter Symptoms, without taking notice of any former: and indeed Constitutions being different, they do differently appear.

I'll therefore now here set down some more obvious Rules, which even the most Ignorant may understand their own Cases by.

Chap. IV. *Some more particular Signs to know a Clap by.*

THis Disease at its first appearance shews its self in very different manners, according to the Different Constitutions of Persons, and Different Degrees of Infection Received: For example, A CLAP at its first appearance shews its self in some, by either a *Heat, Redness, and Itching*, outwardly of the Private Parts: Or a kind of *Burning or Itching* at the End of, Or little *Dartings, Twitchings, and Shootings* within the Passage, as the Venomous Acid Matter has more or less Touched, Besmeared and entered into it.

These Symptoms are commonly followed by a Swelling and Inflammation of the Parts especially the Foreskin, which sometimes thereby becomes so thick as to be rendred Immoveable: And a Cordée, accompanied oftentimes with a Large opening of the Orifice of the Urethra, from the Nut's being Swelled and Inflamed.

In others it begins with only a Heat of Urine, (which at first is but little, and most sensible at the Orifice of the Passage, where the Venom first fixt it self in the Act;) usually accompanied with frequent Inclinations to make Water by little Dribblings of sharp and seemingly Hot Urine, which sometimes is Whiteish, with little Strings, Threads, or as it were Matter and Corruption in it.

In some where it is very Mild, it appears at first, without any Heat or scalding of Urine, Swelling, Redness, or Pain at all: But only a small Issuing out of a Clammy Corrupted Matter of a *Whitish Greenish, or Yellowish Colour, Dripping and Owzing away*, especially upon squeezing the Part, which is often Gum'd, and as it were Glew'd up with it, dividing the Urine into a Double Stream: and which Drops Stain the Linnen of a *Yellowish or Greenish Colour*.

In others it appears with a Running and Involuntary Flowing out of Corrupted Matter (which is Nature's favour,) without any uneasiness or pain at all.

In many Persons after a little Running one or both Testicles become Swell'd and Painful; upon which the Running commonly ceases, because the Corruption that should Flow away Precipitates thither, and causes cold Shiverings, Faintings, Sick Qualms, &c. And as these grow better, the Running usually returns again.

In other Persons it begins with an unusual Pain in the Members and Rouling of the Testicles, with Swellings in the Groins, Pains in the Legs, Shoulders, Rains, &c.

In some again it appears at the beginning with only a seeming Insignificant Wheal or Pimple on the Foreskin or Glans like a Flea Bite, or Meazle, which by degrees grows into a little Ulcer like those on Childrens Mouths; and is what is commonly called a *Shancro*.

Some Persons in the begining have a Clammy Corrupted Humor continually Gathering and Issuing out (not from the Passage, but) from between the Foreskin and Nut, which being of a sharp Corroding Nature Frets the Part where it lies, and makes it Sore,

and Raw, and full of little *Wheals, Blisters, and Shancrous Ulcers.*

In others a Soreness and Debility (as if from a Cold and Weariness) all over the *Joints and Limbs*, succeed to the aforementioned Symptoms, with Dulness of the Spirits, Heaviness, Melancholy, Heat in the Palms of the Hands, &c.

In others again no other Symptoms appear, then a Watery Humor Tinged with Blood; as is usual in all slight Excoriations.

These more or less are the usual Symptoms of the Disease and Signs of Infection in the beginning, proportionably both in Men and Women: only with this Difference that they commonly vary in every Distinct Body: Some happening to some Bodies; Others to others, insomuch that it rarely happens that 2 Persons Infected have Symptoms alike, but differ, according to the Difference of their Temperaments, and Constitutions: greater or less Degree of Infection received: height of Malignity and Infection in the Giver: (there being a Difference between Burning ones *Finger* with the snuff of a *Candle*, and a *Red Hot Iron*) and Distance of Time since it was Received. But where the Malignity received, and Symptoms that appear are greater then here Described, there's no need to inform a Person what ails them, if they only Reflect in whose Company they have been: Their Case is clear enough.

When a Person has still some Owzing, Dripping or small Gleet either with, or without wandering Pains like a *Rheumatism*: or *Spots, Pimples, Blotches*, and Breakings out like the *Scurvy*, with frequent uneasinesses after former Cures, 'tis an evident Mark that they were not well Cured, and therefore ought yet to take something to carry off, either the fatal Remains of *Mercury*, or the Infection. And in reality a great many Persons in the World pass under the Notion of having the *Scurvy, Kings-Evil, Gout and Rheumatism*, which, at the bottom, were they but Traced up to their Origin, are all nothing else but *Chips of the Old Block*, proceeding from some Lurking Remains of this Disease, which either They themselves have formerly had, and were not well Cured of: or Transmitted to them from their Ancestors, whose *Sins Children* are oftentimes *Visited with*, even to the 3d and 4th Generations. All which might easily have been prevented had the thing been but rightly Managed in the beginning; Hence it Appears of what Consequence it is both to one-self & Posterity to Remedy these Evils in Time.

Nor does even the Celebrated reputed Virtue of some Ancestors put any Obstacle at all to this Doctrine, this being so much the *Weak side* of almost the whole World (*Maxima pars hominum morbo jactatur eodem*, says *Horace*) that as *Tertulian* observes, even those whom the strength of Torments could not Conquer, have nevertheless become Victims to Weakness: And do we not daily see that even your *Apparent, Starched, Demure Canting Saints* in all other respects will nevertheless in Private Hug this Darling Sin, and secretly have a Miss in a Corner: and as *Hudibras* says

Damn those Sins they have no mind to :

But Compound with those they are inclin'd to.

When therefore any Person upon comparing their Case with this little Book, shall find themselves in any of the Conditions here Described, they ought presently to have recourse to some Remedy: and Harbour no doubt of their Case, as too many to their own Ruin too Long do: who thro an unwillingness to be in such a pickle, desirous as most are to put off the Evil Day, will hardly be perswaded that their Case is what it is: or at least fancy that it will wear off, of it self, without taking any Thing for it. To which vain perswasion are owing those frequent flat and Levell'd Noses, devoured Palates, Pocky Hoarsnesses, Consumptions, Kings Evils, &c. which abound in the World, and which might all have been Remedied in the begining had but the thing been taken in time. For always observe, that this Distemper has this property peculiar to it above all others; that the longer it is let alone unregarded, the Deeper it *Rivets* it self, and the worse it *Grows*: Each Days Neglect giving the Malignity Opportunity of exerting & spreading it self, 'till the Disease from only a particular & Local Injury becomes Universal, & infects the whole Mass of Blood. For the property of this Disease is such being of a very Active Nature that when it lies Hid, it lies not Idle, but will appear sooner or later when Persons least expect it: for which reason it is not safe to Neglect the least Apprehensions of it, by Vainly thinking it will go off of it self, which is all a meer Delusion, and the Ruin of many a One, who had they but taken it in the begining, might have been Cured perhaps in a Day or 2, but by Neglect and delay, have been forced to *Salivations*, and other such Tedious, Painful, and oftentimes Pernicious Methods of Cure, and perhaps became *Noseless* into the bargain at last.

Chap. V. *Of the true Method of Curing this Disease in General.*

THIS Disease consisting in a Venomous Corrosive ACID Ferment that corrodes Frets, and Eats into whatever Part it once touches: The only true method of Cure in General must consist in such Searching, Attractive, Alcalious and Healing Medicines, so loaded with *Volatil*, *Sulphureous*, *Oleagenous*, *Globular*, and smooth Particles, as are capable, 1st to find out and Unite themselves with: Then to dull, *sheath*, and Obtund the Sharp and Ragged points of this Acid corrosive Ferment: Next to throw it out of the Body. And lastly to heal up and strengthen the weakened and Injured Parts: It being a Maxim in *Physick*, as well as *Morals*, That all *Contraries* must be Cured by their *Contraries*. And none but Medicines endow'd with these Qualities can ever perform a Solid Cure of this Distemper. This therefore is the method every honest *Physician* ought to take, in the cure of it, as I don't doubt but Dr. Sloane, Garth, Blackmore, Mead, Cockburn: and other Professors of the ART will allow, if ever this Little Book comes into their Hands: and of whose perusal I shall not at all be a.

shamed. *Ars enim nullos habet inimicos præter Ignorantes.*

Now whether there is any One Medicine so *Specifick* for this Distemper as to contain all these Qualities: altho' I am as little Fond as perhaps any Man of Attributing either *Infalibilities* or abundance of Virtues to Medicines, being a Method too Threadbare to espouse: Yet I must own that there is many a ONE Medicine, which if but rightly managed, will do Wonders: as indeed the *Specifick Remedy* I shall hereafter speak of, has, and will do.

I am also sensible that there is no Medicine so *Specifick* nor Method so peculiar, that will be equally successful in all Patients. Some will admit of a Cure this way: Another that. A Medicine therefore let it be never so *Specifick* must be managed according to the Condition of the Patient. One shall be cured of a *Gonorrhæa* by a Medicine in a few Days; when Another not seemingly so much infected shall take up a much longer time: Such a Diversity there is in the Nature and Degrees of the Disease, as well as in the Constitution and Temperament of the Patient. For which reason altho' I do really think the *Specifick Remedy* I shall speak of, to be the ONLY true SPECIFICK for the *Secret Disease* ever yet found out, yet I do not pretend that it will succeed equally alike in all the Stages nor in all Constitutions, without Management and Assistance. No, No: It must be Managed and Assisted: And as the Stages or Constitutions differ, so also must the Use and Application of it differ, as I shall shew. For as Mr. Boyle says: He that has a Remedy for any Distemper, and knows not how to vary it by *Adding, Diminishing, Omitting, &c.* will oftentimes find himself at a loss.

Some Distempers as *Fevers, Small Pox, &c.* require the Attendance of a *Physician*, that future prescriptions may be regulated by present Observations, and those new changes such Distempers will produce: Other Distempers, (of which this is one,) do not require such Attendance, but may as well be cured in the Absence, as with the presence of the *Physician*. If therefore persons be but furnished with One or more good, safe, effectual Medicines and Directions for their use, they cannot err in the Application, but may cure themselves privately, and no body know any thing of the matter. The reason is; The cure of this Distemper consisting in the Government of ones self, as to *Eating, Drinking, Exercise &c.* joyned with the use of some One or more Good Medicines, Any person may do all this of themselves, as well as if they had 20 *Physicians* by, if they do but SERIOUSLY set about it: For as *Seneca* saies, *Pars Sanitatis VELLE Sanari fuit.*

CHAR. VI. Of the true Method of Cureing this Disease in particular, *Viz. in every one of the 3 above mentioned Stages.*

THE Cure of the First Stage: This Stage being MOSTLY an outward injury may be cured MOSTLY by outward Applications as other common Sores are, provided there be but found, External Remedies so directly opposite to the *Veneral Venom*, as

to have 1st. such Globular smooth, and mollyfying particles as may Blunt, Sheath, Obtund and Subdue the Rough Ragged Points of the Venereal Miasmata. 2^{dly} such Searchings and Absterfive ones, as may dilodge and wash 'em off from the Infected part, before they have taken too Deep a Root: and lastly such Balsamick and Healing ones, as may put an end to the Soreness, Heat of Urine, Inflammation and Pain. All which may (in a great measure) be performed by a certain Absterfive, Cleansing and Healing WATER, which in the Directions Sealed up with the Remedy, I have Taught persons to make up Themselves without any Charge, and which they are to Wash themselves Outwardly with to search out, and Wash off the Venereal Steams, before they take too deep a Root.

But Altho it may by chance happen perhaps once or Twice in a 100 Times (which Swallow will not make any Summer) that persons slightly Infected, may by the timely use of Outward means be freed from all Injury; Yet I think, Generally speaking, 'tis not safe to rely too much on this Method: My reason is, That altho the Infection be as yet but slightly received; yet the Blood circulating thro those parts where it lies, easyer then we Imagin takes along with it some of it's minutest particles, being of so subtle a Nature, as to insinuate themselves into the Juices of the Body sooner then we are aware of. So that as it is not safe to depend altogether on Outward applications to cure the Venom of a Viper, or Bite of a Mad Dog (tho only outward injuries) without for more surety taking some Antidote inwardly to carry off whatever of the Poyson may have stole into the Blood: So I would advise all Patients, altho their condition may be to their own thinking never so slight, besides the use of any Lotion, to take a little at least of something inwardly to carry off whatever subtle Venomous Effluvia may escape the reach of the Water. The less will do: 'Twill break no Bones, and can do no harm, but will confirm the cure, by driving out whatever Snake may lurk in the Grass. And here I recommend my Specifick Remedy: But not near so much of it, as in the 2^d Stage.

For which reason I doubt not but this Method of cure will be extreamly welcome to a great many, who, are either so Averse from, or have been so Fatigued, and Nauseated with taking Physick that were but a more compendious method once proposed then is usually practised, wou'd Embrace a Cure in the begining, who otherwise lets their Distemper run on, and become Miserable, purely because they cannot take Physick. And indeed what a pity 'tis that Persons shou'd be put upon such Nauseous Loads and Courses of Physick as they usually are (A method to rough to have any other Effects, then breaking a sound Constitution; Or making a bad one worse) to get Cured of only the 1st Stage of this Disease, which might be cured otherwise, by a much more Easy, Agreeable, and Compendious method, (if persons did but rightly understand what they undertake) by a particular Specifick Medicine,

One only Dose of which will do more good in the Cure of this Distemper, then some Ounces will of *Mercurius Dulcis*, or whole pounds of *Turpentine* the common Hackney Medicines for this Disease: to say nothing of those dangerous *Astringents*, and Churlish *Precipitates* so frequently made use of by unskilfull Practitioners, and which, unless the poor Patient's Clap prove very a Good Natur'd One indeed, will precipitate him into a most Miserable Condition. These Inconveniences are entirely prevented by the method here propos'd, by which the Patient is cured almost as soon as he receives the Injury.

But methinks you'l Naturally ask me, if all this be true, To whom therefore must poor Patients apply themselves? since according to this Doctrine, 'tis so hard to light into Good Hands, and upon good Medicines. Must all perish who dont take this *Specifick Remedy*? Are there no more ways to a Wood then One? Nor no more ways to kill a poor Dog, then to down-right Hang him?

To this I answer: Apply your self to one, who you have reason to think, has made this Distemper his particular Study: it being very possible that a person may be otherwise a very good *Physician* or *Surgeon*; and yet when the Question comes to be about this Distemper, may know but little of the matter: as a Person may be a very great *Physician*, and yet not know either how to *Bleed*, *Couch a Cataract*, or *Draw a Tooth*: all which nevertheless are branches of *Physick*. So that 'tis not enough to live at the Sign of the *Surgeons Arms*, or have Ones Name over Ones Door as *Surgeon* to be able to Cure this Distemper, unless a person have also Learning and Experience to go along with it.

THE Cure of the 2d Stage. This Stage being too Stubborn for the Influence of the foregoing Method, the Patient must (there is nothing to be said) submit to take a little more of something inwardly by reason of the Progress the Disease has made. For whoever pretends to Cure this Stage, must do it by one or more Medicines which contain such Particles as are entirely opposite to those of the *Veneral Ferment*: viz. That have such *Oleagenous* and Gently *Cathartick* ones, that will Blunt, Correct, Subdue and throw out of the Body the *Venomous Acid Veneral Matter*: And by their searching and *Balsamick* ones, cleanse and heal up the Ulcers, and so take away the Running and Cordée; And lastly by their strengthening Properties restore the Weakned and Injured Parts to their Ancient Tone and Vigour, after the malignity is well suppress'd and carried off. For if the Infection be not well carried off, before the Running is taken away, or any *Astringents* used to stop it, there will be still *Anguis in Herba* and no honest but only a Knavish Cure; & as Dr. Sydenham says, the Patient in having too nimble a Cure of a Clap, will be *Poxt*, by having the *Venom* thrown into his Blood: *Egrediscitque medendo* says *Virgil*. So that 'tis hard to say, which *Poxes* most, The Doctor or the Disease.

But yet for all this, a moderation must be used as to the Cleansing Part: For unless due Regard be also had to the Healing and

strengthening qualities in *Anti-venereal Remedies*, you may sometimes Purge a Person off their Legs, and ruin their Constitution without ever Curing them. So that 'tis not Purging with every common Purge will do: No: it must be some *Specifick Medicine*, fortified with such Ingredients as have a peculiar Antipathy against the Disease. viz. Whose Innate Property is; 1st. To find out and draw to it self the *Venercal Venom* wherever it Lurks Then to Unite and Incorporate it self with it: Then to Sheath, Blunt, Dull and subdue its ragged Points; Next to throw it out of the Body: And lastly to *Heal* up & strengthen the injured and weakned parts. And in such a Remedy as this, & none but such a one as this, every Patient will find a satisfactory Cure. Now I know of but only ONE thing in the world that will seriously and honestly Perform this, which is the *Specifick Remedy* mentioned hereafter in the 8 Chapter, and yet I believe I may say without Vanity, that I not only throly understand the *Disease*, having applied my self to the Study of it, but also that I understand the various methods of curing it; And after all I find from a very Large Experience, that it is the only thing (to use Dr. Chamberlen's Expression) for this Disease.

THE Cure of the 3^d. Stage. This Stage consisting in the Acid Ferment's having infected and turn'd the Blood, Serum, Lymph, Juices, and Fluids of the Body, The Remedies to cure it, must be such, as by their *Alcalious* and *sulphureous*, as well as *Volatil particles* enter immediately into the *Mass* of *Blood* and Juices, and have a prevalence to Dilute them, and stop the Career of this *Acid Ferment*, and by Attenuating the Tough *pocky slime* lodged in the *Veins*, and Volatilizing the Stagnated and coagulated Humors, to restore them to their former Fluidity and Tenuity; and expell the malignant impurity that lurks therein: All which if skilfully undertaken may be performed without either any *Astringents* or *Salivation*, (which oftner prove the ruin of poor Patients then their Cure) by the *Specifick Remedy* Assisted by the Method prescribed in the Directions, which will enter immediately into the *Blood*, and strike at once at the Root of the Infection without any more ado, and carry it off. So that this *Specifick Remedy* is to be used in all the 3 Stages with this Difference. That — In the 1st Stage a Little of it will do. — In the 2^d it must be continued a few Days. — In the 3^d it must be taken at certain Intervals to carry off the *Venom* prepared for Expulsion, by the Method prescribed in the Directions. So that on this little Remedy depends the Cure of any of the 3 Stages. For the Nature of it is, as soon as ever it is taken, to find out, unite & incorporate it self intimately with the *Venercal Poison*, & so carry it off.

CHAP. VII. Of *Specifick Remedies* in General.

WHen *Obscure Aristotelian Qualities* began to lose Ground in the *Schools*, and give way to the *New Philosophy*, the *Phænomenas* of Nature and Qualities for many Ages before, called *Occults*, began to appear in so much a clearer Light, as they were made to appear more consistent with Reason. *Physick* above all

received the greatest Advantage from this New System, whose Mechanick Principles set it in a clearer View then ever it was before, by Reconciling Rationally Causes and Effects together.

A *Specifick Remedy* says Dr. Sydenham, is that which Acts *Electively* against some one Distemper rather than another. Now 'tis certain there are such Remedies, by reason of a particular Disposition, Texture, Order and Motion of their parts which render them fitter to Insinuate themselves into, and Encounter with the Morbifick matter of one Distemper more then another. Thus the Bark is a *Specifick* against *Feavers*: *Scurvy-Grass* the *Scurvy*: *Opium* causes Sleep: *Spanish Flies* violently Affect the *Serum* and *Urine* only, and so of many more. Hence the Ingenious Mr. Boyle, has Writ a whole Treatise of the Agreeableness of *Specifick Remedies* with the *Mechanical* and *Corpuscular Philosophy*, by reason of a particular *Texture, Order, Motion, and Activity* of their *Particles*, more or less agreeable to the *Acids* or *Alcalies* of the *Distempers* they are to Encounter with. Thus we see many have happily succeeded in the use of some one *Specifick Remedy*, by which they have done almost Wonders. Dr. Davison a *Physician* formerly to the *French King* acquired such Reputation by a *Specifick Antivenereal* Remedy he had that the *Physicians* of *Paris* gave him 20000 *Pistols* for Discovering it to them. One *Giannatus* a *Surgeon* received 2000 *Crowns* of *Charles* the IX. King of *France*, for the success of an *Anti-venereal Specifick* he Cured the same King with. Another, One *Pena* a *Physician* in *Paris* Cured Hen. the III. King of *France* of this Disease with One *Specifick Medicine*, which he had Learn'd of a *Turk*. Sir. Rob. Talbor in *France* and Sir. Kenelm Digby here in *England* cured almost every one by their *Specificks* against *Feavers*, and so of many more. Hence Distempers have their *Specificks*: And certain it is that this Distemper has it's *Specifick* also.

Chap VIII. Of a certain *Specifick Remedy* for the Secret Disease

SOME Years ago, I had an *Antivenereal Medicine* communicated to me by an eminent *Physician*, who gave me such a Character of it both from his own, and the experience of another Ancient and Eminent *Physician*, the person who had communicated it to him, and who he assured me for near 40 Years had done Wonders with it: that at first I answer'd, if all he said were True, I should esteem it as a Treasure; but till I had a Tryal of it, he must pardon me if I suspended my opinion. The Remedy nevertheless he own'd to me was, as yet, but very imperfect, and therefore would admit of a very considerable improvement, if but rightly managed and undertaken. He advised me by all means out of hand to set upon it: and which accordingly I did (following a particular Chymical Method he advised me to, in it) in such a manner as to make the Medicine almost quite another thing, & consequently it became now entirely my own Secret. It seem'd in Speculation to us both to promise Wonders, but knowing Experience to be preferable to the best Speculative Knowledge I set

to work in Practice, scarce hoping half the success he had promised me, or Indeed what I found. I gave the Medicine to several with *Written Directions* for its use, and order'd them to give me an Account of its success. Some brought me one Relation: Others another, but all with Thanks to the same end that they were Cured. Nevertheless I was yet unwilling to set too great a Value on my New Remedy, fearing that the late success in some particulars might be partly an effect of chance: a happy Constitution: slightness of Infection: help of Kind Nature in endeavouring to throw off the Disease: Or some other such Favourable assisting circumstance: But still continuing to give it to great Numbers, and always with an equal success, gave me such an Idea of it, that truly I do think it has not many equals for this Distemper: And this I now speak upon a very large Experience of it.

After this I acquainted my Friend who communicated it to me, of my success, to which he Boldly Answered, that he wou'd ingage any Wager, that of 100 Persons in common Claps, it wou'd not miss 2. Having therefore now no small value for my new Remedy, I began to think how I might Render it more profitable to my self, & useful to others, then a private Practice wou'd do: I therefore communicated it to 2 of the chief *Physicians* in London as afterwards I did to Dr. *Chamberlen* who all being pleased to Honour it with their Esteem, I was resolved to Publish it, to the end that what a great many in private Practice had used always with success, others if they pleased might Reap Benefit by. And to proceed in order and Method, on the 14th day of *March* 1713, I gave an Account of all these Particulars, to the Rt. Hon. Sr. *Rich. Hoare*, Kt. (then) *Ld. Mayor* of the City of London: who to Testifie that he was fully satisfied with the Account given, was pleas'd to sign it with his own Hand: After which I Published it in the publick Prints.

The Account therefore I have to give of it is this: That now for several Years it has surprisngly Cured great Numbers of both Sexes, from the slightest Infection to very bad cases indeed, by a shorter or longer Continuance of it, even to the Astonishment of the Patients themselves, who before Tryal, wou'd never believe such a mighty Alteration could ever have been wrought in such Deplorable *Veneréal Objects* as they themselves were, by One Little innocent Thing, (no bigger then a Pea) if they themselves had not Tried it. The great Convenience of this Remedy is: that Persons may in a few Days cure themselves with it Privately, without exposing their Condition to any one, being entirely their own *Physician*: It being to be so used that, neither its Operation, (working chiefly by *Urine* whose Heat it suddenly takes away) nor the Patients way of Living, (requiring no staying within Doors, or hindrance of Business) can give Suspicion to any one, or betray 'em to be under such Circumstances to the nearest Relation living, answering the Intentions of Cure, with such Pleasure, Ease, Safety, Privacy, Certainty and Expedition as is Admired by all.

For the Nature of it is, to find out, Unite it self with, and expell chiefly by *Urine* the *Venercal Contagion*, keeping it from the *Head*, *Nose* and other Noble Parts; preventing a *Stagnation*, and causing a Separation of the *Venercal Humors* from others. By which means it Disperses, and Carries off in their Infancy, those *Swellings* without Breaking them, which otherwise would come to a *Troublesome Head*, and Break, and are call'd *Bubo's*: and which if once Broke, will (unless you are very Cunning indeed) Betray your Condition. So that after taking this Remedy (as well as of the hereafter mentioned *Elixir*) Persons will make large Quantities of Nasty Stinking Corrupted Water; So loaded with the *Venercal Venom*, and which will have such an Unsufferable stench, that Persons will not be able to support the smell of their own *Urine*, and consequently would not have it again in their *Bodies* for any thing. And to shew the Truth of this, I'll only propose one simple Easy Experiment which either this *Specifick Remedy*, or the *Elixir* will perform, and which any one that pleases may Try.

Take near a *Quart* of *Urine* made by an infected Person after taking either of this *Specifick Remedy*, or the *Elixir*: Mix it with some good thick *Broth*, with *Bread* and some bits of *Meat* in it and give it to some Hungry Dog: In a little time the Creature will all Break out in *Pocky Sores* and *Blotches*; which is Nothing else but that very self same *Venercal Poyson* and *Venom* which the Person had in their own *Body*, before they took either of this *Specifick Remedy*, or the *Elixir*, and which by *Urine* they thus brought away. Then take either the Quantity of an Ordinary *Pea* of this Remedy, or some few Drops of the *Elixir*, and mix either of Them with a little *Broth*, and give it the Dog; after which be careful to save the *Water he Pisses*, which you'll find so *Thick*, *Foul*, *Stinking*, and corrupted with the *Venercal Venom* Transmitted thus into him from the Infected Person, and which the *Broth* he has now Eaten, has brought away, that you will be even amazed at it, and scarce able to support the stench of it. After this, the creature will grow well, which otherwise would have Rotted and perished. This one Experiment alone is enough to Convince any One of the stupendious Efficacy and Power of both these Remedies. People may say what they will, that such and such *Medicines* will INFALLIBLY do This, and That, and T'other; but let them shew the Efficacy of their *Medicines* by such an Experiment as this if they can. 'Tis easy Talking of INFALLIBLE *Medicines*, and promising Fair Things to Hook People in: But 'tis being Cured must give satisfaction to the Poor suffering Patient.

But to explicate this a little Clearer: put some *Filings of Iron* with some *Sand*, *Brick-Dust*, *Sugar*, *Pepper*, *Salt*, *Flower*, *Oatmeal*, *Ashes*, &c if you will 20 more different sorts of *Powders*: Mix 'em altogether in such a Manner, that it shall be Beyond all the ART of Man ever to separate them, or Take any One of the *Powders* clear out from the Rest. Yet if you Approach but a *Load-stone* to

the Mixture, it will presently draw to its self all the Filings of the *Iron* from the other *Powders*, without having the least Effect upon them : And wherever the *Load-stone* goes, the *Filings* of the *Iron* (only) will Cling close, & go along with it. Just so a Dose of either of these Remedies being Taken into the *Stomach* separates & draws to it self all *Venercal Humors*, and carries them along with it, out of the *Body* : So that as long as there are any *Venercal Humors* in the *Body*, tho' even in the *Remotest* parts, the Nature of them is such, that they will never leave off acting 'till they have carried them away. Then they so take away the *Running*, *Oozing*, or *Old Gleet* after a former Imperfect or ill Cure ; *Heal up*, *strengthen* and *Restore* the *Tone* of the *Seminal Vessels*, & other parts, *Weakned* & *Dilated* by ill Medicines, *Overstraining*, too much *Purging*, &c. to their Ancient Elasticity, *Springyness*, & *Vigour* ; that None will be *Disappointed*, who will but be pleased to Try them : and more I cannot say of 'em : So that what *Nauseous Pills*, *Bolus's*, *Powders*, *Diet-Drinks*, *Salivations*, &c. (Remedies oftentimes worse then the Disease) perform altogether going round about the *Bush* & *Exposing* the Patients Reputation into the Bargain : These little Remedies do privately a Nearer way Home, without giving Suspicion to any One. Thus the Cure is Compleatly performed without *Fluxing*, *Astringents*, or any other pernicious Method of Cure, that patches up the Humor for a little Time, to Break out again afterwards with more Violence then ever : by a small Thing, as Innocent as a bit of *Bread*, and so very easy and even pleasant to Take, being no bigger then a *Pea*, that the Nicest Palate cannot Refuse it ; And the Quantity to be taken for a Cure is so small, that did not Matter of Fact, and Dayly Experience shew it, one would never believe that so small a compass of *Physick*, cou'd perform such Wonders as it does. So that this Remedy does not Plaister or Lock up the Disease in the Body, but Radically Extinguishes the very Seeds of it, throly at once strikes at its very Root, & carries it away mostly by stinking *Urine* as just now has been Mentioned : The most convenient, easy, & pleasant way of being Cured certainly, that any Gentleman can Have, Wish, or Desire. And indeed I never Remember to have given the *Specifick Remedy* but the very first Dose made such a change in the Patient, by taking away the Heat of *Urine*, and easing the parts, and a few more so compleated the Cure, that t'was even Astonishing to see Persons, who but just before were such Miserable *Venercal* Objects, to be as it were on a sudden so eased and Cured : Nay I have given it in some fresh Infections, and ONCE Taking of it Only has so Rooted out, and carried away the Malignity that they were quite Cured, without Taking any more. But this does not happen every Day.

Besides : It can do no harm, suppose it were to do no good : For if it is but a *Little Infection*, it finds out what is at hand,

& Carries it off. If it finds *no* Infection (as in a suspicion only of Injury) it sweetens, cleanses & purifies the *Blood*, carrying out of IT and the *Body*, all foul *Scorbutick Humors*, strengthening the Constitution & preserving Health; So that indeed either this *Specifick Remedy*, or the *Elixir* are the best of things for *Gentlemen* & others who Drink much, and Live Fast to keep by them, to take a little of Now & Then from Time to Time, to carry off the Ill Effects of bad *Wines*, & other *Liquors*, *Surfeits*, *Indigestions*, hard *Drinking* & other Disorders; carrying away at once, what otherwise wou'd lay the Foundation of a future Fit of Sickness: And therefore will be found to be good Things for any one to Take a Little of at any Time, altho' they have nothing of the Distemper they are here levell'd at, because they can do no one any Harm (*for a sucking Child may take 'em*) & always will do some good or other, there being scarce any Person but has some Illness or other to be carried off, or whose Blood wants to be cleansed & purified. And consequently will supply whatever want they can have of any *Physick*, whether for this Distemper, or any other Ailment whatsoever, as the *Scurvy*, *Evil*, *Gout*, *Rheumatism*, *Dropsy*, *Gravel*, *Cholick*, or any other such Illness which proceeds from a *Foul Blood*.

Chap. IX. *Some few more particulars of this Specifick Remedy, with an Account where it is to be had.*

THIS Remedy before the 14th Edition of this Book came out, had been Published 3 Years before ever it came into Any other Person's Head to Give away Books of this kind at other places in Imitation of it, this being the only true Original Specifick Remedy, for this Disease, &c. (but always remember that *Dulcius ex ipso FONTE bibuntur Aquæ.*) In which time Vast Quantities of it were continually called for, and Disposed of, (a great deal of which was sent for by the Greatest of the *Quality* and *Nobility*, who after once having tried it, still recommended it One to Another for an *Easy, Safe, Expedition Cure*.) & 13 Editions of this Book (each Edition containing 10000 Books) had been, at a very great expence, Given away Gratis in the World, with such a constant & uninterrupted Success, that out of the great Quantities that have been Disposed of, since it was First Published, not so much as any ONE Person ever made any the LEAST Complaint of it: Which to besure some *Peevish* Person or other would not have Failed to have Done, if they could but have found the *Least Room* for *Any Flaw* or Complaint in it.

Nay on the Contrary great Numbers of *Gentlemen* who bought it, have given such a Character of it to their Friends and Acquaintance, that for the Time it has been Published, viz. only since *March 1713*, it has made its own way in the World, and stood its Ground, with such an Unparallel'd success, that perhaps never any one Remedy has done the Like before. To say nothing of the many thankful *Advertisements & Certificates*, Published from

Time to Time in the Publick Prints about it ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO ME, out of Person's own meer good Wills. Witness that Published in the *Post Boy* on *Thursday May 28. 1713*, from a *Gentleman* who owns himself to have been in several *Surgeon's Hands 6 Months*, (his Case being very bad indeed) without any Benefit, and at last was in a few Days perfectly Cured by this Remedy, which Kind Providence (to use the Expression of the Advertisement) Led him to Take. And indeed the whole *Advertisement* would move Compassion in any one, to see how the poor *Gentleman* was *Abused, Cheated*, and almost *Ruin'd* by *Those* who before had Undertaken his Cure.

To this may be Added the great Value & Esteem that *Dr. Chamberlen* has always had for it; & which is so great that he has not only now for a considerable time, but still continues to Recommend it to all his Acquaintance. And indeed the *Lady* hereafter Mentioned that by his express Advice sent presently for it, & took of it, & was cured by it, Blesses now the happy moment that ever *Dr. Chamberlen* hap' en'd to make her that *lucky visit*, when he advised her to take it: She having been for above 20 Years before, such a miserable Spectacle, that she looked upon her self to be quite past all cure, & therefore utterly despaired of ever being Cured: but by a few Times taking of this Remedy was Cured: mention of which has been Frequently made in the publick Prints. Add to this also, That several Persons, coming several Times Over & Over again to Buy the Remedy, were pleased to say, that they did not come so often for it for Themselves, but for their Friends & Acquaintance, who finding it fully to Answer the Character Given of it, (having ALL been Cured by it, as many as had Taken of it) Recommended it One to Another. Nay One Person a *Surgeon*, at several Times Bought above 30 *Guinea's* worth of it, & said that he had seen such wonderful Effects of it, that he thought it the only Thing for the Distemper. I suppose with one *Guinea's* worth of it, he might make a 5 or 6 *Guinea* Cure. 'Tis such Testimonies of its doing Good as These that are a continual satisfaction to the *Author*, whose Aim is to be serviceable to Many an Unhappy Person, who thro' *Bashfulness* to Discover their Case, are many Times Utterly Ruined, for want of such an Easy Help as is here put into their Hands; where there is No Trouble, nor suspicion to the most Bosom Friend: But from a most Miserable Condition Persons are Raised to a sound state of Health, before they know almost where they are. These when all's done, are the Greatest Commendations that can be given of it. And consequently like *WINE*, that is known & proved for many Years to be GOOD, (as this Remedy now has been) it needs now no more any *BUSH*, to invite People to the Tryal of it. And indeed If it were but Allowable to publish the Names and Places of Abode of all those who have been Cured by this *Specifick Remedy*, a large Volume would not Contain them.

Gentlemen that have been Cured by it Agree all in this one point, that it is the only Thing they ever met with, calling it the NON SUCH of the Age for this Distemper : which also any one that Tries it will own, if they do it but Justice. Inſomuch that it is now become even almoſt a *Saying* amongſt a great many Gentlemen to their Acquaintance, whom they know to be IN FOR'T: That if they have a mind to be cured Expeditiouſly, Safely, & Privately, their only way is to take the *Specifiſick Remedy*.

But altho' many & many a *Clap* has been cured with only one Doſe and no more of this *Specifiſick Remedy* ; yet I cannot, nor will not promiſe to any ONE Perſon in particular, that they ſhall *always* have the ſame Happy Succeſs with it, altho' *Poſſibly* they may when they come to Try it: Nevertheleſs I won't promiſe it. No : ſuch Succeſs may indeed happen to ſome particular Perſons, where the Malignity received is but ſlight, & Conſtitution very happy : but Generally ſpeaking a little more of it ought to be Taken, & therefore I have Sealed up what *Generally* is Sufficient for a Cure. I could eaſily tell the World if I would, That a few *Dofes* of it will ALWAYS INFALLIBLY Cure the very *worſt* of Caſes, but then I ſhould tell one of the *worſt* of *Lies* : I had rather Perſons ſhould find this Effect from it, as great Numbers have : then that I ſhould promiſe it, and they not find it.

So that before I quite take leave of my Reader I muſt methinks Explicate my ſelf a little more, in Order that no Perſon may Lay out a *Guinea*, which they may afterwards come to Repent of: for I had much rather they would never lay it out at all. Now what I have to ſay more is this: That this *Specifiſick Remedy* is not INFALLIBLE, & I deſire no one to buy it as ſuch. No : it may poſſibly fail in ſome particular Caſes ; I don't deny it, For as Mr. Pope ſays *Whoever thinks a F A U L T L E S S Peice to ſee, Thinks what ne'er was : nor is : nor e'er ſhall be.*

But that it is ſuch a good Thing for this Diſtemper, as a long Experience, has proved ſo Succeſſful as to Cure 18, or even 19 out of 20 : & that's a good & Valuable Remedy ; Therefore to ſay that it will NEVER Fail, I cannot, nor will not. Some Perſons have been Cured of *Claps* by only Once or Twice Taking it; others not *ſeemingly* ſo much Infected have taken ſome Quantity of it, without ſo preſent a ſenſible Effect (tho this has not Happen'd often) but yet in the End they were Cured. I can't help the Difference of Conſtitutions, or *Latent Degrees* of Malignity, no more than a *Surgeon* can make one Perſon's Fleſh as eaſy to Heal as another's : from whence it proceeds, that one Perſon will be cured of a conſiderable wound, in half the Time that another ſhall of the Scratch only of a Pin. So that ſuppoſe a Perſon very SLIGHTLY *Clapt* ſhould take ſome Conſiderable Quantity of this Remedy without being Cured, I ſhould not Value it a Bit the leſs, for ſuch a want of Succeſs in ſome ONE particular Perſon, whoſe Conſtitution, Latent Malignity, Miſmanagement, or

some other such Hindrance, might Retard the Cure : 'tis enough for me (and Indeed I desire no more) that I know now from a long Experience the Remedy to be such as has Cured great Numbers, and therefore I have a *Moral* certainty that it will do the same again, and this is the Reason I Publish it. For (to use Dr. Chamberlen's expression of it) a Medicine Establish'd on such Success as this now is, can never have its Reputation Eclips'd by a Failure in any ONE Particular. So that I desire No Gentlemen or Others to be Deceived and lay out their Mony rashly: but only to Act as Prudence and their own Reason after Mature Deliberation shall Direct them. I have had no Design to promise any thing more, then I have a great deal of Reason to think Persons will to their entire Satisfaction find.

Now this Distemper carrying with it a certain disgrace, & reproaching Persons with their own frailties: For One that is willing to see a Physician on this account; so had rather purchase a Cure privately & see no one, few being willing to address themselves to Another for a Cure of this Distemper, if they can be Cured otherwise: Nor indeed is it at all necessary to this Remedy, with which any one may as well cure themselves, without seeing any Body, as if they had all the Physicians in the World by.

For which reason, this only true Original *Specifick Remedy* is seal'd up with Printed Directions for its Use, not only in *English*, but also in *French*, *High German*, *Low Dutch*, *Spanish*, *Italian*, *Portuguese*, *Swedish*, *Danish*, & *Polish* Languages, for the use & benefit of Merchants & others trading abroad, & all sorts of *European* For-
 eigners, so easie, clear, full & plain, that any Person tho never so Remote may Privately Cure themselves, without any Body's ever knowing they have ailed any thing, & is to be had ONLY At the 3 Places mentioned above in the Title Page, where this Book is Given away, and no where else. Price a *Guinea*, which is Generally enough for a Cure.

'Tis also the most convenient thing that can be used at Sea, & in other Countries not only of Europe, but both in the East & West-Indies (to which places of late large Chests full have been sent, frequent Notice of which has been given in the Publick Prints) for altho the Climate, or Season be never so hot, or Cold it will always have the same wonderful Effect, as in temperate weather, and will keep many Years as good as it is now.

Chap. X. Of a certain Chymical *Antivenereal Elixir* for the unhappy State mentioned above in the 3d Chapter.

I Here propose to the World a Great Medicine, which for restoring a Sound Habit of Body after Salivations, Taking of Mercury & former Cures has not an equal: It being certainly the greatest & most Noble Thing in the World to clear and cleanse the whole Mass of Blood of all Relicks & Remains of *Veneral Infection*, ill effects of Mercury, Salivations, & bad Medicines, that cause Spots, Breakings out, Wandring Pains, Weakness & Tremblings in

the Joints and Limbs, Dulness and Giddiness in the Head & other such Disorders. It is so great a purifier of the whole Body, by freeing it from all sharp Humors, that Cause *Breakings out, Itchings, Pains, & Uneasinesses*, as well from the *Scurvy* as the *Venerical Disease*, which in Time breaks the best of Constitutions, that no One Medicine can do more. It has nothing of *Mercury* in it, but is so Innocent that an Infant may take it. It carries off the Infection chiefly by *Urine* (just in the same manner as was said above of the Specifick Remedy, page 17. and its efficacy may be tried by the very same Experiment of a *Dog* as has been there already mentioned.) The most easy and pleasant way of being Cured that possibly can be wished for, or desired by any one.

Great Numbers of Persons after *Venerical Cures* have experienced its wonderful effects in cleansing and strengthening their *Reins* and *seminal Vessels*, recovering their lost Tone, and restoring all parts to their former Natural Force, Strength, and Vigour: the Nature of this *Elixir* being to supply the long use of nauseous *Diet Drinks*, and other such courses of *Physick*, which Persons generally are so averse from. For after Persons are Cured, there commonly remains something to be carried off, either from the Disease, or *Mercury*: the Blood wants to be purified, and the Constitution strengthened, for which end *Turpentine Pills* and *Bolus's*, long *Diet Drinks* and other such courses of *Physick* are usually prescribed: and Instead of them this *Elixir*, which a thousand times Transcends them, takes place, doing more at a few Doses by being Taken a few Drops in a *Glass of Ale* or *Wine*, then some Gallons of *Diet-Drinks* or other such slip-slops of *Physick* shall in a Month; by restoring the *Blood* to that due & agreeable Fluidity and Texture of its Parts, which has been impaired by long Courses of *Physick*, & which occasion those Complaints Persons so Dayly make after *Venerical Cures*. The reason of this I'll explicate by a Familiar Example.

The diffused Rays of the Sun coming in at a Window are a long time, even in a hot day, before they will warm ones hand: but if you contract the scattered & dispersed Beams into a Point thro a Burning Glass, your hand will presently be burnt: Just in the same manner, *Diet Drinks* in themselves are so very slow in effecting the end for which they are proposed, that unless Persons perfectly Rinse & Wash themselves with them, they prove little better then a meer *Chip in Pottage*, so that Persons had almost as good never take them: Whereas this *Elixir* being of a Volatil, Searching, Cleansing, and Renovating Nature; and containing in its self the Virtues of most *Diet Drinks*, brought here by *Chymistry* into a small compals, & as it were Contracted and Concentred into a Point, presently as soon as ever it is taken, searches & enters into the very substance of the Blood; Dilutes and Cleanses it; Sweetens & Purifies it; Renders it Fluid; puts it into a due, Natural & free Circulation; separates from it all

Pocky Slime, Corruption, & Filth, which by Neglect or Ill managed Cures it has contracted : and thereby rectifies the Pocky Dilcracy of it : and lastly brings it away chiefly by offensive foul *Urine* as has been said. And this in all Ages, Sexes, Climates, Seasons and Constitutions : by which means it perfectly roots out not only all *Venercal & Mercurial Taint* which too often remains in the *Body* after even a 3d Salivation, keeping it from the *Head, Nose,* and other noble parts ; but also the *Scurvy, Gout, Dropsy, Evil,* and *Rheumatism* even to Admiration.

How the Virtues of most *Diet-Drinks* are here by *Chymistry* contracted as it were into a point in this Great Medicine as just now has been said, may be made clear in the manner following. *Chymistry* being an A R T which draws out by the force of *Fire* the very Essence & Life of things, separates by consequence the Purities of all things from their useless Dregs and Earthy Substance, in order to the preparation of Medicines more grateful to the *Palate* by abridging their Dose, and more Healthful to the *Body* by throwing away their Dross : whereas the Galenists proceed quite in a contrary manner, exhibiting to the Patient as well the Impure and Terrestrial parts of Medicines, as the Pure and Spirituous ones.

This will appear clear in an Example of *Jalap Root*, which consists of 2 parts, to wit : a Resinous part, wherein its whole purgative Faculty consists : & an Earthy gross part which is of no use, but only to Clog and load the *Stomach* for nothing. Now the whole virtue of the *Root* consisting in its *Resin*, it seems altogether unnecessary that a Person should Load, Nauseate and Clog their *Stomach* with 50 or 60 Grains of this *Root* in substance for the sake of only 4 or 5 Grains of its *Resin* contained in those 50 or 60 Grains of the *Root* ; and which 4 or 5 Grains of the *Resin* will have a much better effect then 50 or 60 of the *Root*. 'Tis therefore by the ART of *Chymistry* that this Resinous part is separated and Extracted from the other useless Gross Terrestrial part, which the *Chymists* throw away after they have extracted and drawn all the *Resin* from it, in order to abridge & lessen the Dose, by giving to Persons only 4 or 5 Grains instead of 50 or 60. And 'tis this Chymical Method that is here made use of in the Preparation of this Great *Specifick Elixir*, by which the Extraction of it from Minerals, Vegetables, and other the usual Ingredients of *Diet-Drinks* is so ordered, that a Few Drops only of it, in a little Beer, Ale or Wine shall do more good at once taking, then 2 whole Quarts of any *Diet-Drink* will at 8 times taking, reckoning after the rate of Half a pint to each Draught, as is usually prescribed to Patients. According to which computation, Twice only taking of this *Elixir*, viz. a Few Drops either Morning and Night, or at any other times of the Day, equals the taking of 4 Quarts of any *Diet-Drink*. Now which of these two Doses, to wit : either a few

Drops of this Grateful *Elixir* (the tast of it being that of a most pleasant Bitter) to be taken at ONCE : Or 2 Quarts of a *Diet-Drink* to be Drank at 8 Nauseous Draughts, will be most acceptable to persons whose Conditions Determin 'em to take something of this kind, needs neither *Poor Robin* nor *Partridge* to Foretell. I leave therefore my Reader to make now the Application. And in reality taking too much *Physick*, weakens and breaks the Constitution oftentimes much more then the Disease: So that always observe the best Cures are performed by the least Quantities of *Physick* if persons do but rightly understand what they undertake.

The use of it also is so very easy and gratefull, being of a most delicious Favour, and the Tast of it a most pleasant and agreeable Bitter, that a Person may carry this *Elixir* about with them in their Pocket, and take some Drops of it in a *Glass* of *Wine*, *Ale*, or *Beer*, as well abroad as at home. Gentlemen at the *Coffee-house*, *Tavern*, or any other publick House may take the *Bottle* out of their Pocket and put a few Drops into their *Ale*, *Wine*, *Whcy &c.* by way of *Cordial Stomach Drops*, and no body ever know for what end they take them, by which means they'l be Cured in a manner before they are aware of it, and this without taking any thing of *Physick*, (for these Drops working chiefly by *Urine*, are not properly *Physick*) or without staying at Home for *Purgings* as you must with other *Medicines*, and consequently 'tis so easy and even pleasant a Cure, that no person can object against it.

But moreover in Case that it finds no Infection, as in a Suspicion only of Injury or an ill Cure, it then purifies the *Blood*, helps Digestion, creates an Appetite, and cleanses the *Body* of all Scorbutick sharp and foul Humors. So that to a person never so well in health it will always cleanse & sweeten the *Blood*, and by consequence can do no one any Harm, but will always do some good. Gentlemen therefore who Live Fast, and Drink much altho they neither HAVE nor ever HAD any thing of the Distemper whose Relicks and Remains 'tis here designed to carry off, can have nothing better in the World to carry about with them in their pocket to take of now and then a few Drops in their *Beer* *Ale* or *Wine*, to cleanse and strengthen their Reins and Seminal and Urinary Vessels, to carry off any Scorbutick or foul sharp Humor out of their *Blood*, and to keep and preserve their Healths and Constitutions Lively, Brisk, Vigorous, and Strong, then this *Elixir*: It being so entirely suited to Nature's ends and Inclinations, that by the use of it all noxious Humors in the *Blood* and *Body* that are Enemies to her, and make persons uneasy will be entirely removed, and a perfect Vigorous state of health and Strength restored. Infomuch that Young People will by the use of it, be preserved Healthy, Brisk Vigorous and Strong: And Elderly persons, who have been Broke with Fast Living, or Courses of *Physick*: whose *Blood* has been Corrupted by bad Medi-

ones, or the Unskillfull exhibition of Good ones, and whose Constitutions (*in a word*) have been spoiled and worn out by the SINS OF THEIR YOUTH, will be perfectly Recovered and Restored by it to their former *Health Strength Liveliness & Vigour*.

From what therefore has been here said, 'tis easy to judge the great worth and Convenience of this *Elixir*; Since by the unconcerned (*if I may say so*) use of it such Fatiguing courses of *Physick* and *Diet-Drinks* are prevented: such Charges and Expences: such Time and Trouble are saved: But what is still beyond all, *Health* and *Strength* so easily, pleasantly and unexceptionably Secured, Fenced, Restored, and Preserved, All which were it but allowable might be proved by great Numbers of Persons that have experienced it, who before Tryal would never believe it possible for any one Medicine so easily & even pleasantly to perform what they found it to do. Performing in any of the above mention'd Cases, as much as 'tis possible for any ONE Medicine to do.

And as for Weaknesses in *Women* who never so stubborn, as well as the worst of Old Gleet and Owzings in *Men*, it is perhaps the only thing in the World to perform a true and solid Cure.

This *Elixir* is Sealed up in fine neat Bottles, with printed Directions for it's use in all the abovementioned European Languages, so full and plain that any Person in any Country, Season, Climate, or part of the World (*for it will never grow worse with keeping*) may perfectly Cure themselves by it, without any ones ever knowing any thing of the matter. Price a Guinea. And is to be had ONLY at the 3 abovementioned Places, and no where else.

Chap. XI. Some few Instances of success of the Specifick Remedy.

A Young Lady having had the Evil so broke out in great Holes in her Body, that for 26 Years she could never go alone or stir out of her Chamber, being entirely unable to help her self, and always turned in her Bed like a Child, being indeed a most miserable Object, continually weeping whole Days and Nights scarce having one easy Hour, her Life being a perpetual Torment to her. Fifty Guineas were offered to Dr. Briggs in Bloomsbury, if he could Cure her: Dr. Chamberlen, Dr. Mead, Dr. Woff, and several other eminent Physicians; Mr. Giffard, Mr. Tocker, and several other Skilful Surgeons were all Eye-witnesses of this her Condition, being given over by all as incurable, and indeed she utterly despaired of ever being Cured; at last Dr. Chamberlen advised her to take of the Specifick Remedy: she only took a few times of it, by which the Holes and Sores, which for 26 Years had drained her Body to a perfect Skeleton, are now healed up; she is brisk and well, and can go up & down Stairs, & abroad alone, which she never could do in her Life before, & blesses the happy Day that ever Dr. Chamberlen advis'd her to it. The Lady her self is willing to see and satisfy any Person about it, at the Green Door in Water-street, behind Arundel-street in the Strand.

A Certain Person in *Long-Acre* together with his Wife, had both the Secret Disease 2 Years in such a miserable manner, that they had spent a great many Pounds to be cured, without any benefit. At last hearing of the great Cures performed by the *Specifick Remedy*, they took each of 'em only a few times of it, and were perfectly Cured: Of which frequent Advertisements have been incerted in the Publick Prints.

A Tradesman near the *Seven Dials* having had the Secret Disease so terribly for above 2 Years, that he was almost weary of his Life: and receiving no benefit from 2 Persons who undertook his Cure, was at last perfectly cured by only a few times taking of the *Specifick Remedy*. He continues as well as ever in his Life and 'tis now some Years since. He consented to have this his Cure incerted in the Publick Prints for above a Year, & he himself satisfied great numbers that by the NewsPapers came to him about it: But being since gone to live a great way from London, access cannot now be had to him.

A Certain Seafaring Person having some time ago here in *London* cured himself of a very great Degree of the Secret Disease by the *Specifick Remedy*, conceiv'd so great an esteem for it, that he then took along with him to the *West-Indies* some few Guineas worth by way of a Venture and Tryal in those Parts. He afterwards sent a Letter to his Correspondent here in *London*, in which he told him that the said Remedy had had such an unexpected Success there, not only for the Secret Disease (of which he said it cured all Persons who took of it) but for several other Distempers; and particularly the *YAWS*, that by reason he took but a small quantity with him, it became so valuable & precious, that he could have sold it for above its weight in Gold if he had had more. Wherefore he desired that forthwith a Chest full of the same Remedy with Directions might be sent to him; and which accordingly was lately done on Board the *Antelope Galley* bound for *New York*, Captain *John King* Commander, the Money for which he ordered his Correspondent here in *London* to pay the Author. And the same Person afterwards coming to *England* took again another great quantity of the said Remedy along with him another Voyage on Board the *New York Pink*, Bound for *Jamaica*, Capt. *William Clark* Commander.

* * If therefore any Merchants, Captains, or Mates of Ships, or other Persons trading Abroad, will take of these Remedies which now sell and have done for these four Years last past, the Best of any thing for the Distemper, not only here in *London*, where the call for it increases every Day, but also Abroad, being in great Esteem and Reputation not only throughout both Parts of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and all our Plantations (great quantities having of late been exported by Merchants, Captains of Ships and others) But also are now very much esteem'd in *France*, and several other Countries and Courts of

Europe, being continually sent for thither to the entire satisfaction of all those who use 'em; they shall have room for very large Profit at the Sugar-Loaf above-mentioned, and what they do not dispose of, they shall return again, at any time: For which reason the Author, being willing to encourage the Exportation of 'em for the general Good of Mankind (which hitherto has incontestably appeared to be so, from the many Certificates of their success from several Parts, and the general consent of all who use 'em of both Sexes) for that end, has now publish'd this Scheme not only in *English* and *French* but also in *High German*: *Low Dutch*: *Spanish*: *Italian*: *Portuguese*: *Swedish*: *Danish*: and *Polish* Languages, for the Use & Benefit of all *European* Forreigners; it having obtained Reputation also now in those Countries.

The same also I say to all Wholesale Traders of the *N F C K LACES*, of which see more at the End of the following *Essay*.

I could reckon up great numbers of undeniable Testimonies of Cures by these Remedies, on Persons even given over by all others. But having trespassed on my Readers patience too long already, I'll make an end, desiring Him to peruse the several *News Papers* of these 4 years last past, wherein he will find above 1000 Authentick *Advertisements* of surprising Cures wrought by these Remedies; most of which also were published out of the Persons (who were cured) own meer good wills, entirely unknown to me. As that in the *Post Boy*, Sept. 13 1715, from the Person who had been so long (but to no purpose) Dr *Ratcliff's* Patient, before they took of this *Specifick Remedy*. That in the *Post Man*, Apr. 24. 1716, from Mr. *Mears* at Mr. *Mear's* Coffee-house in the Old Change near *Cheapside Conduit*: the Person having had 4 large holes eaten quite down to their Palate, so that they could swallow nothing but Liquids for 8 Weeks, with their Face all broke out & their Body reduced to a meer Skeleton: together with the several *Advertisements* of Mrs. *Coleman* in *Grays-Inn-Lane*. From the Person in *Union Court* that had quite lost their Palate after several Salivations. From the *Surgeon* who out of 23 of his Patients that took of the *Specifick Remedy*, says that only one missed of his Cure, & that the Person own'd was by his own Mismanagement. Mrs. *Wade* in *Long Acre*. Mr. *Allen* in the *Strand*. Mrs. *Griffin* in *East-Smithfield*. Mrs. *Deliphia* in *St. Katherines*. Mr. *Stephenson* in *Liquor-Pond-street*. Mrs. *Smith* in *Thames-street*. Mr. *Pike* in *Dead-mans-place*, *Southwark*. Mr. *Shaw* in *Hyde-Park Road*. Mrs. *Abbot* in *St. Andrews Court*, *Holborn*. And many others of the same Nature. All which are as sufficient as even 10000 would be to convince any Person of the great virtue & efficacy of these Remedies. Persons indeed may go from place to place to seek a Cure, but when they have sought & tried all they can, they will never find a Better nor Surer then by these Remedies, as any Person who tries them will (to use Dr. *Chamberlen's* Expression in his Approbation) to their Comfort, find

A Philosophical ESSAY upon The Celebrated

NECKLACE,

Recommended to the World by Dr. Chamberlen for
Childrens TEETH: Women in Labour: And Distempers of the Head. Occasioned by the great increase of late Years in the Bills of Mortality, by which it appears that in and about London only, (the same may be said of Paris, or any other great City) above 12000 Children Yearly die of their TEETH, and Convulsions and Feavers caused thereby: besides the great Numbers of Women that are Dally lost in Child-bed, & the Multitudes of Persons that Die of Distempers of the Head. In this Essay therefore is clearly shewed from the Principles of the New Philosophy, how by the Wearing only of this NECKLACE Children will easily Breed and Cut their Teeth, without any Pain, Convulsions, or Fever at all: Women in Labour be Easily, Presently and Safely Delivered: And most Distempers of the Head cured without ever taking in any thing at the Mouth. To which is added An Account of a late Discovery of a New Method of WRITING, by which Any one may Write more in a few Minutes, then otherwise they can in a whole Day. And by consequence full As Fast, As Any One can Speak.

Dedicated to Dr. Chamberlen, and the Royal Society.

Entred in the HALL-BOOK

To the Worthy Dr. Paul Chamberlen.

Honoured Sir. You having been pleased on the 26th of Nov. 1715. to order me to let the World know expressly from YOU, and in YOUR NAME, that You Absolutely Approve of, and Advise the Wearing of the hereafter mention'd NECKLACE, To all Children for the Easy Breeding, and Cutting of their Teeth; To all Women in Labour: And to all Persons who have any Ailment in any part belonging to their Head: declaring to me at the same time that You heartily wished that all such would wear it. You being throlly convinced of its Wonderful and Surprizing Anodyne Virtues, from a long experience which You was pleased to own to me that You had had of it, Acknowledging to me that You Your self had used it for many Years, and always with success, for these just now mention'd ends: I most willingly lay hold of this occasion to inform the World of the great value and esteem You are pleased to have for it, And which still appears the more by the large Approbation which you was pleased afterwards to give of it, at your own House on the 13th of Sept. 1716. inserted above in the beginning of the foregoing Scheme.

To the most Illustrious The Royal Society

TIS a common Question propos'd by Philosophers, Whether or no there be any such Thing in Nature as **ACTIO IN DISTANS**? That is: Whether or no A Cause can produce an Effect on a Subject whose Substance and Body is not contiguous to it, but at some distance off? The Ancients being forced by the undeniable Matter of Fact of the Thing in a great many Phenomenas, to solve this Intricate Question, had recourse to as Intricate Answers, and said it was done by certain Occult and hidden Qualities, which they call'd by the obscure Names of Sympathy and Antipathy. — Some more modern Authors not well content with these Terms, attributed these Effects to Superstition, Charms, and Magick: Because not seeing any gross and visible connexion between the Cause and the Effect, they presently asserted that there was none at all. Now this argues a great Ignorance in the Understanding, so to confine all the Actions of Nature to the grossness of our Senses, as to imagin Superstition presently before we have sufficiently examined the true Causes and Principles upon which our Judgments ought to depend: Whereas according to true Philosophy there is no Superstition at all in these Effects, as hereafter shall be clearly shew'd, unless Superstitious Persons themselves create it, by attributing the Effects to other Causes than the true ones: from their Ignorance, which makes them rather condemn Mystrious Truths than examine them: Of whom 'tis truly said, *Ars nullum habet inimicum nisi ignorantem*.

As for the Terms Sympathy and Antipathy, I'll not here Quarrel with them, provided they include a Natural Connexion between the Cause and the Effect (the only Characteristick mark to distinguish Natural Causes from Charms, Magick, Superstition, and other such unlawful ways of Cure.) For which reason, together with Mr. Boyle, and Sir Kenelm Dygby, I understand those Things only to act by Sympathy and Antipathy, which by a mutual Efflux of Atoms and subtle Effluvia's, do so act and re-act on each other, as to have a reciprocal Communication for each others mutual Preservation or Destruction. So that notwithstanding some Persons may despise this way of Cure, as an Unlikely one, yet in consideration of those reputable Authors that assure us of their having been Eye-witnesses to these sorts of Cures, the Method ought rather farther to be examined into (in order to its improvement) than despised: For which reason the great Dr. Harvey, as rigid a Naturalist as he was, frequently tried this way of Curing; and as Mr. Boyle tells us, often cured Tumors and Swellings, by stroaking them with the Hand of a Dead Man; which every one will grant to be a Sympathetick Cure.

Nor (as the same Mr. Boyle says) does the great Objection against these sort of Cures, viz. that such or such a Person having ONCE made trial of them, found them by chance not to succeed, seem alone of Weight enough altogether to reject them; because if they do Most commonly succeed, tho' sometimes they may chance to fail, yet that Probability of their succeeding, is a sufficient Motive to any one for a Trial; because if they do not succeed, they CAN do no hurt, *Nihil, therefore tentare nocebit*.

But when all's done, there can no Argument be brought for the Trial of

this Necklace, so great and convincing as the Matter of Fact will be when 'tis once worn; (as daily Experience shews) to wit, that by Hanging it only about a Child's Neck, those Teeth shall in a Nights time easily and pleasantly Cut, which before nothing but an Incision-Knife cou'd bring out, and thereby prevent and Cure Fevers, Fits, Convulsions, &c. And save many a Childs Life. Besides several other its wonderful effects; as on Women in Labour: On Sore, Weak, and Red Eyes, Tooth-achs, Head-achs, Vapours, Sore Throats, Hoarseness, Cramps, Fits, Convulsions, Palsies, Falling Sickness, Apoplexies, Hardness and Difficulty of Hearing, &c. of which more at large hereafter in the sequel of this Essay.

Chap. I. Of Sympathetick and Appended Remedies.

IN order to explicate more clearly the Effect of Appended Remedies, we must here first establish One universal Law of Nature, settled by that great Philosopher Sir Isaac Newton, as an Essential Requisite to all those Actions which proceed from Causes at a Distance from the Subjects on which they produce their Effects; and which must necessarily be premised to the following Essay; which is this: That out of the Pores of ALL Bodies whatsoever, tho' never so hard and solid, there is more or less a constant Effluvia and Exhalation of subtle Steams and Atoms. The Truth of which (to use no other example) appears from nothing in the World so clear, manifest and evident, as the Sense of Smelling; by which every one daily experiences at a Distance, Bodies to emit and send forth more or less vast quantities of these just now mentioned Steams, Atoms, and Effluvia.

This Law of Nature being thus established, all those Effects usually attributed to Sympathetick and Appended Remedies, & by consequence to this Necklace, will appear entirely evident & demonstrable.

Appended Remedies therefore are those, which without ever entering into the Stomach, or any immediate Application to the ailing Part, but in a manner at some Distance from it, cure Distempers by a secret Emission of Volatil subtle Steams, Atoms & Effluvia. Such are all Remedies hung about the Neck, as NECKLACES and Amulets: All Remedies applied to, or hung about the Arms, Wrists, Fingers, or any other part of the Body, as Bracelets, Rings, Girdles, Stomachers, and all other such Remedies whatsoever, either to be hung or carried about one, or to be kept near one, without ever entering into the Stomach, or any immediate Application to the ailing Part. Of such Remedies as these, several learned Physicians, and particularly Mr. Boyle have treated, calling 'em by the general Name of APPENDED Remedies; shewing from unquestionable Matters of Fact, their Efficacy in great Numbers of Cures, and to most of which they declare to have been Eye-witnesses. Several of which Cures are as follows.

Of the Blood-stone a learned Author cited by Mr. Boyle, says these Words, *Vidimus sanguinis fluxu affictos remedium sensisse, Amuleto ex hoc lapide confecto in digito continue gestando.* Van Helmont and Paracelsus with a Ring made of certain Metal, and worn only on the

Finger, cured several Distempers, of which the latter thus speaks *Cum bona veritatis conscientia attestari possumus, hujus generis Annulos quos qui induit, Hunc nec Spasmus convulsit, nec Paralysis corripuit, nec Dolor ullus torfit: Similiter nec Apoplexia, nec Epilepsia invasit.* From which Words it plainly appears, that the Wearing only of those Rings cured and preserved the Parties from those Distempers. *Van Helmont* with a piece of the same Ring hung only about a Child's Neck, cured it of a wasting pining Distemper. Agues are frequently cured by Remedies hung about the Neck, and Applications to the Wrists, and Fingers. *Boetius*, cited by *Mr. Boyle*, cured a Person of a Bloody-flux they had had six Years, by only hanging a certain Remedy about their Neck. Another was cured of a Diabetes, by the Powder of a Toad hung in a Bag about their Neck. Cramp-Rings by their Effluvia's keep of Stupor. A cold Key laid on the Neck stops bleeding at the Nose. Calcin'd Vitriol, commonly call'd *Sympatherick-Powder*, is known by almost every Body to cure Wounds at a Distance, by being mixed with any thing tinged with the Blood. And *Mr. Boyle* tells us of a Gentleman that was cured of an Ulcer in his Bladder, by only mixing this Powder with some of the Ulcerous Matter that he voided with his Urine. He persuaded him by these Words, *That the Remedy was such, that if it had any Virtue, it might do him good; and if it had none, it cou'd not prejudice him*: Upon which the Gentleman made a trial and was cured.

Dr. Chamberlen has often assured me that nothing is more common than to hang several sorts of Amulets about Women in Labour to help their Delivery, and give them an easy time: and of all the things that ever he knew of in the World, he declared to me that nothing in his Opinion can come near the hereafter mentioned Necklace for this end, as well as for Childrens Teeth, and Distempers of the Head. See the Dr's own words to me on this subject hereafter in the 4th Chapter. A piece of Sheet Lead is frequently hung about Womens Necks to take away their Milk, or a Wen, or to help Sore Eyes. A piece of Gold is also Hung about the Neck of Persons afflicted with the Evil; which Gold, by its Alcalious Effluvia's, so acts on the Distemper, that if the Person misfortunately loses it, the Distemper returns, 'till they wear another Piece of Gold; this every one knows. *Forestus* tells us That he knew Several Persons cured of violent Head aches, only by hanging the Herb *Vervain* about their Necks, after many other Remedies were used to no Purpose. A great many more Instances of these kind of Cures might be here brought out of several other reputable Authors, but these are fully sufficient to prove the Truth of the Doctrine here asserted of the Real Existence of *Atoms* and *Effluvia's*, and their acting and reacting by a mutual Flux and Reflux between Distant bodies: and thereby to shew what great Changes may be produced in a Human Body, without ever taking in any thing visibly at the Mouth.

Now as to the Manner how all these and such like Cures are performed, it will sufficiently appear by explicating the effect of the just-now-mentioned Amulets or Remedies to be hung about the Neck: for the same Reason that is given for one, explains (*Servat proportionem*) all the rest. When therefore any thing is Hung about the Neck by way of a Remedy, it is considerably warm'd by the Neck of the Person, by which means its Atoms and Effluvia's are rarified, and consequently flow out in a greater Quantity: Flowing therefore out thus, all about the Neck & Head, they cannot fail meeting with the uneasy Atoms exhaled out of the ailing Part. The Atoms of each being thus Joined and united, they enter together by the suction of the Air (which the ailing Part breaths but) into the said ailing Part, where finding the Original Source from whence the uneasy Atoms first came, they naturally stay and stick there. Being thus entered, they presently search into all the Corners, Fibres and Orifices of it, which hereby are comforted, eased, and imperceptibly healed. Of which see more in the III Chap.

'Tis just in this manner that the hereafter mention'd NECK-LACE has of late performed so many great and surprising Cures.

Chap. II. Of DENTITION, or Breeding of TEETH in Children, With the true Method of assisting them.

THE Germen or Bud of a Tooth in the Jaws of an Infant is at first a mucous thin soft slimy Pulp like the White of an Egg, contained in its Cell, which by degrees grows harder, till the Matter being throly hardned breaks thro: which Perruption occasions many dreadful Symptoms to poor Infants.

The time of Protrusion for the Coming forth of this hardned Matter which compose the Teeth is very different: In some it is sooner, as in the 3d and 4th Month: In others not till the 6th or 7th Month: In many it is later as in the 8th or 9th Month: and in some not till they are a Year old; but this is not so frequent. In many Children the Cutting is very tedious, especially if the Eye-Teeth, and other Teeth happen to Cut together. As for their order of Cutting, the Fore-Teeth are generally Cut first, both above and below, the 2 middle ones first, and then those on each side, which are 8 in all. Afterwards the Great Teeth wherein the chief danger lies.

The time of Cutting is also known by Infants putting their Fingers in their Mouths, and the Gums being swell'd, and looking white, great pain afflicting them, with more then usual Cryings, Restlessness, Looseness, and oftentimes Convulsions, and Fevers.

The Cause of hard Breeding and Cutting of Teeth is sometimes in the Teeth themselves, being blunt and growing but slowly, whereby the Gums cut and open the more difficulty: So that always the sharper the Teeth are, the more exquisite and sensible is the Pain, but withal such Teeth Cut the soonest, which made Hippocrates in his 25th Aphorism blame the Eye-Teeth, as the Authors of worse Symptoms then any of the rest. Sometimes in the Gums, when their substance is more solid and harder then usual, by which the Cut-

ting being made the more difficult, by consequence great Pain is caused in them from the hardness of the Teeth pushing and thrusting on the Gums, being very sensible parts, even in Adult Persons, & much more in young tender Infants. From whence an Inflammation arising with great pain and disturbance of the Spirits, a continual Fever is many times produced, whereby Acid Vapours ascending to the Original of the Nerves, and irritating them, Convulsions and other dismal Effects are caused.

If therefore the Teeth come forward but slowly, and the Gums are hard, swell'd, hot, and pain'd, all endeavours must be used to soften the Gums and thereby to bring them out and give ease; amongst which nothing in the World exceeds the use of the hereafter mentioned Necklace, as in the next Chapter I shall clearly prove. As for the use of a Coral, so frequent in fashion for Children in this Condition, I have in the Printed Directions for wearing this Necklace which are Given along with it clearly shewn, that it is so far from being beneficial that it is even quite wrong to let any Child use one: but instead of it I have mention'd another thing, which will cost about a Penny, for Children to hold in their Hands to Nibble upon and Rub their Hot Mouths and Gums with. For a Coral or any other such hard thing pressing so very hard on the sore, tender and inflam'd Gums, by reason of their extreme hardness, puts the Children to a pain instead of that pleasure we suppose them to have in rubbing their own Mouths and Gums with it, which consequently keeps them from rubbing and moderately pressing on their Gums with it so much and so often as they ought to do: that by pressing it thus upon the Edge of the Teeth, the Gums might become in some measure as it were Deadned and benum'd, and thereby the Cutting of the Teeth less felt by the Child. Whereas the Thing that I have mentioned in the Directions, not being so very hard as Coral, and yet hard enough for the end proposed, sufficiently presses on the Gums to help let the Teeth out, & withal gives them a very sensible pleasure in rubbing their Gums with it, and by consequence excites them to so frequent a Use of it, as is necessary for the Teeth's Cutting. So that notwithstanding this Necklace is worn by Children, yet the use of this Thing I have mentioned will still help and assist the Teeth's coming out: (*Vis unita* is always *Fortior* being 2 Strings to the Bow.) and will cost only about a Penny, & is to be bought in almost every street of London.

When therefore Children put frequently their Fingers or any thing else into their Mouths, endeavouring thereby to ease the Itching and Throbbing pain of their Gums: When they bite the Nurses Nipple: When there is an inward Heat in the Mouth, & a larger then usual Flux of Saliva, from the Pain's vellicating and contracting the Salivatory Ducts and Glands, by which a larger quantity then ordinary of Serum is squeezed and pressed out to the Mouth: When there is a Redness in the Cheeks, and Whiteness on the Gums, with frequent and unusual Cryings and Uneasinesses, you may Besure their Teeth are com-

ing, and then is the time for them to wear this *Soverain* Necklace.

Now as to the true *Method* of proceeding with a Child in this condition: Those means must be made use of, which are capable of their own Nature, to Open the Gums; for if once this be but done, the Teeth of themselves, which are continually pushing forward, will naturally come out: What therefore promotes this end, is to be enquired after; and then all the *concomitant* and *subsequent Symptoms* cease, & are prevented; according to that Principle in Philosophy, *Take but away any Cause, and the Effect presently ceases*. Since therefore all the *Miseries* and *Evils* which happen to Children in *Breeding* their Teeth proceeds from this one cause of the Gums being hard and more then usually CLOSED: it follows by consequence that all our present Enquiry must Roul and depend upon this one point of *Softning* and OPENING them, it being an established *Maxim* in *Physick* as well as *Morals*, That *All Contraries must be cured by their Contraries*. So that if a means be but found out for this end, we have our desire: search therefore is to be made for some *Remedy* endowed with such *Volatil Alcalious Particles*, & *Atoms*, as are capable by their smooth and insinuating Figure and Shape, easily and gently to glide and enter into the Pores of the swell'd, inflam'd, and dilated Gums, and thereby to Loosen their strict Frame and Closure, and so open them. For 'tis to no purpose to Go round about the Bush, by making use of any Remedies in particular against the *Fever*, the *Convulsions* and other *Symptoms* attending the hard *Breeding* and *Cutting* of *Childrens Teeth*, without one takes away the Cause by OPENING the Gums, as just now has been said, and thereby strike at the Root of the Evil. Now for this End there is nothing in the whole World so proper as the NECKLACE here proposed, as I shall plainly shew in the following Chapter, especially since Children are never very willing to take many Remedies inwardly. At least let the most timorous Person (as to Physick) be but convinced of this one Point, that it can do no harm. Since therefore no Danger but good can possibly follow from the Wearing it, No Person I think can reasonably object against it.

Chap. III. How according to the foregoing Principles, this NECKLACE acts on Childrens Gums and Teeth.

SOME time ago I had a certain Necklace communicated to me by a Friend, with such a Character of its Virtues, as seem'd at first very Surprising. It had been used in private for many Years, with a constant Success, in helping Children to Breed and easily cut their Teeth: In giving an easy Time to Women in Labour: And curing Distempers of the Head: All which it was said to perform by *Sympathy*. Now this Term of *Sympathy* making Persons only as Wise as they were before, I began to think that it wou'd be no small satisfaction to those Persons who use it, if its Manner of Operation were more satisfactorily explicated according to the Principles of the New Philosophy and some few certain, and inviolably established Maxims in Physick, as follows.

1st. Max. **A**LL ailing distemper'd parts Naturally throw out, & exhale a prodigious Number of Acid Morbifick Atoms in a certain Sphere and Circle of Activity about the ailing part: So that the swell'd and Inflam'd Gums of Children that are Breeding and Cutting their TEETH, fill the Childs Mouth, with such a large Effluvium of those Atoms, that even the breath of the Child is loaded with them.

2^d. Max. **A**LL ailing distemper'd parts draw violently to themselves (from a desire they have of Ease) the Circumambient Air with whatever Atoms and Effluvias are in it.

These 2 Maxims being thus settled, we must now have recourse to our Law of Nature established above in the first Chap. According to which, Out of the Pores of this Necklace hanging about a Child's Neck there constantly flows a vast Number of Atoms and Effluvias, from the prodigious quantity of Volatil Alkalious Anodyne Sulphur and Spirits, with which the matter it is made of abounds. Which Atoms flowing thus out of the Necklace wander all about the Neck and Head of the Child, where they presently meet join and unite themselves with the uneasy, restless, Morbifick Atoms of the inflam'd Gums dispers'd, scatter'd, and Blown about by the Breath of the Child. These Atoms meeting thus together, are presently drawn by the Suction of the Air into the ailing part, which being swell'd & inflam'd, is by consequence dilated and distended, by which it's pores are more then usually open'd, and therefore more ready to receive whatever easing and comforting Atoms the Circumambient Air is loaded with.

Now the Atoms which flow thus in such great quantities out of this Necklace, being Volatil Alkalies, are by consequence from their Smooth, Globular, and Cylindrical Figure and shape, to the highest degree Balsamick, easing and Anodyne; and being thus by the Suction of the Air which the heated and inflam'd Gums of the Child throws out, (as just now has been said) drawn into the Childs Mouth, by their smooth & insinuating Figure, they presently enter into the ALVEOLI or SOCKETS of the Gums, and there Open those thin & most accurately sensible Membranes which include the Teeth; by which means the Gums insensibly in a manner separate, open, & give way to their Cutting & so let the Teeth out. And if the Gums are hard, sore, and actually inflamed, these Alkalious Atoms presently blunt, obtund and subdue those sharp, pungent, acid Atoms of the ailing part which cause the Inflammation & Pain; by which means the Inflammation & Pain almost instantly cease: the Gums are softened: the Mouth cooled: the Fever vanishes: Convulsions are prevented: and the Teeth do easily and pleasantly Cut. Inasmuch, that the Effect will seem rather miraculous than Natural; so that in a Night's time a Child shall Cut those Teeth, whose Gums before nothing but an Incision Knife cou'd open, and this without any the least Pain or violence at all to the Gums; but much in the same manner as *Gutta cadat lapidem, non vi, sed SAepe cadendo.*

The manner therefore of acting of this *Necklace* is by way of a *Removens Prohibens*; that is, by removing an Impediment, which being once taken away, the desired end will of itself Naturally ensue: For since the difficult *Cutting of Childrens Teeth* proceeds from the hard & strict Closure of their Gums: If you get Them but once separated and open'd, the *Teeth* will of themselves Naturally come Forth: Now the smooth Alcalious Atoms of the *Necklace* by their insinuating figure and shape, do so make way for their Protrusion by gently softning and opening the hard swell'd Gums, that the **T E E T H** will of themselves without any difficulty or pain **C U T** and come out, as has been sufficiently proved.

The reasonableness of this Method of Cure may be confirmed by several Examples: As of *Galen* himself, who in his sixth Book of the *Virtues of simple Medicines*, says, that he often cured Children of the Falling-Sickness, only by a *Necklace* of *Peony Roots* hung about their Necks: And altho' he lived in an Age that saw no farther than *Occult Qualities*, yet he attributes it to the Particles flowing from the *Necklace*, *Partes à radice defluentes, affectos ita curare.* are his own Words. Since therefore this great Man could say so much in those ignorant *Peripatetical* Times wherein he lived, what would he have said, had he liv'd in the clear-sighted Age we are now in? And *Mr. Culpepper* tells us of one of his own Children that cut three *Teeth* presently after a certain *Necklace* was hung about its Neck. And another, he says, was instantly eased of the *Tooth-ach*, by the same *Necklace* also only hung about its Neck. *Rivcrius, Senertius, Dr. Sydenham, Willis, Bates,* and several other *Physicians*, all agree that a *Necklace* made of the Bone of a certain Animal, & only hung about a Child's Neck, will almost miraculously help its Teeth to cut, altho at Death's Door before; and when they come to give a Reason for it, they give the very same that *Galen* did for his *Necklace* for the Falling-Sickness: to wit, that the Atoms and Effluvia's of those *Bones* hung about the Neck act upon the Child's Gums and so let the Teeth out. The very same I say of this *Necklace*. Since therefore these just now mention'd Great Men placed such Confidence in *Their Necklaces*, from the very same Reasons that I here propose This; I cannot but value this still the more, especially since 'tis made of a Matter having all the Qualities for a *Teeth-cutting* *Necklace*, which *They* presumed to be in theirs being made of the very same BONE these Judicious and Learned Authors give such large Encomiums, & commendations of.

'Tis no new Remedy: Necklaces of this Nature may be traced up to very ancient Authors, who certainly wou'd never have so confidently asserted in their Writings, that the bare Wearing only a thing about one's Neck wou'd have such and such Effects, if they had not been fully convinced of the Effect of those Atoms and Effluvia's here made mention of. What would not an afflicted, distressed, and despairing Parent give, to ease an Infant that lies almost expiring with Pain? What Charges, Expences & Fees, are

not profusely (if I may say so) laid out in this Case? Try therefore this Necklace, which not only in private Practice by the recommendation of one Friend to another, for many Years before it was publish'd, has saved many a Child's Life, by causing the *Teeth* easily and pleasantly to Cut; but even since This Book has been Published, has given entire Satisfaction to those great Numbers that have bought it.

And for a closer Proof of what has been here asserted, I'll add, That if by interrupting the Action of any Cause, I alter, retard, or hinder its effect, I may boldly conclude that such a Cause was the only true Cause of the Effect, and no other. If therefore one of these Necklaces are sewed up in a Cloth, and so hung about the Neck, it will have no effect at all; which is an evident proof that its Virtue lies in subtle Atoms and Effluvias which flow out from it, and which the Cloth keeps in.

All which may be yet confirm'd still farther by an experiment made before the Royal Society at *Gresham College*, and mentioned in the Philosophical Transactions of the Society, No. 308, upon the Electricity of Amber, Jet, Glass, and other such Bodies, produceable by a smart Attrition of them: and which Electrical Attraction was entirely hindred in the presence of the whole Society by the interposition only of a peice of fine *Lawn* or *Musling* between the Bodies heated by rubbing, and the Bodies to be attracted: From whence it evidently appears that the Attraction is perform'd by Atoms and Effluvias exhaled out of the Electrick Bodies, and which the *Lawn* or *Muslin* kept in.

Now the Matter of which this *Necklace* is made being once thoroughly warm'd by being about the Child's Neck, by consequence throws out it's *Effluvias* and *Atoms* in a much greater quantity, then if it were entirely cold, it's Pores being thereby more open'd, and it's *Atoms* more rarified, which gives them still a great subtilty & activity then they wou'd have without this adventitious Heat: & by this means they bear such a Tendency to *Any ailing part*, like those of the *Load Stone* to *Iron*, that they will never leave of acting till they have given ease: and consequently is a Thing the most proportioned to Cure *Sympathetically* the Diseases of a Human Body of any thing in the whole World; There not being its Fellow in Art or Nature to be found for the end 'tis here proposed for.

Chap. IV. *Three Consequences of the foregoing Principles: With an Account where this NECKLACE is to be had.*

1st Con-
sequence. **T**hat it is very good to wear this Necklace, not only at the Time of hard breeding the Teeth, but both before they breed, and also after they are all cut, and also at the Time of shedding their Teeth. Let Children therefore wear it before they breed their Teeth, to prepare and loosen the Sockets of the Gums for the Teeth's growing. Let them wear it whilst they are actually breeding them, to make the Sockets open, that they may cut and come out easily. Let them wear it after their Teeth are all

come, to fasten them, and strengthen their Gums. Let them wear it whilst they shed their Teeth, to make the new ones at the Roots of the old ones push and advance the better forwards, to drive the others out: And let all Persons who either actually have, or are subject to the *Tooth-ach* wear it, that its *Alcalious Effluvia's* may blunt those sharp and pungent Atoms, which enflame the thin sensible Membrane that surrounds the Marrow of the Tooth, and causes the Pain.

2d Con- sequence. **T**hat this *Necklace* helps also any illness in any part belonging to the Head: because the healing *Alcalious Atoms* which constantly flow from the *Necklace*, will join and unite themselves with the ailing *Atoms* of any distemper'd part they meet with, and enter together with them into those ailing parts, and thereby give ease: Inasmuch that Persons who are accustomed to have *Red, Sore, or Weak Eyes, the Tooth-ach, Vapours, Fits, Head-achs, A sore Throat, or Hoarseness, Hardness of Hearing, Cramps, Palsies Apoplexies, Convulsions, &c.* can have no *Safer, Prettier, Easier, and, Innocenter a Remedy*, then to wear one of these *Necklaces*; which according to the abovesaid Principles act *Rationally and Physically*, and consequently by no manner of Superstition or Charm in the *World*. This *Necklace* therefore, although principally a *Remedy* for Childrens Teeth, yet 'tis also of excellent Use in all the other just now-mentioned Cases; And the Reason is, because the *Atoms* of the *Necklace* act on the *Atoms* of whatever ailing Part they meet with; so that if a Child should have *Sore Eyes, Convulsions, a Thrush, or a swell'd Face, as well as hard breeding of Teeth*, this *Necklace*, according to the above-establish'd Principles, will *Rationally and Physically* help them all. An instance of what has been just now advanced happened on *May 2. 1715*: in a *Young Woman*, who for some *Days and Nights* had been restless with the *Tooth-ach*; at going to Bed put on one of these *Necklaces*, and in less than half an Hour it gave her entire Ease, having been before almost Distracted; she slept all *Night*, and had no more Pain. Much about the same Time also three other Persons by wearing of these *Necklaces* for *Hoarseness, sore Throats, and sore Eyes* were presently cured. And great Numbers of Persons for ailments in their *Ears*, as *Thickness of Hearing, &c.* have found benefit by only wearing this *Necklace a Night or 2*, after they had tried all other Means, as *Syringing, &c.* to no purpose: because its *Balsamick healing Atoms* enter into the *Ear* & there rectifie in a peculiar manner the disorder of the *Tympanum* or *Drum*.

3d Con- sequence. **T**hat this *Necklace* also, besides these just-now-mentioned Effects, will give to Women in Labour, that Wear it (only at that Time, as *Dr. Chamberlen* expressly advises,) such an extraordinary Easy Time, that they will not suffer the Hundreth part of Pain, that they wou'd without it: for from the insinuating Figure of its *Alcalious Atoms* and *Effluvia's*, the same Reasons prove that it will act in regard to their *Delivery*, as it does to let the Teeth out of the lockt-up Gums of Children. The Reasonableness of this appears from Things that have a quite contrary Ef-

fect, as all Precious Stones and Gems, especially *Diamonds*, whether in Rings, the Ears, or elsewhere; which for that Reason *Dr. Chamberlen* advises to be removed as far as may be from a Woman in Labour; because says he, by their *Astringent* and *Repelling Atoms*, they hinder *Delivery*. By the same Argument this *Necklace*, by its opening and attracting *Atoms* will help it; so that any Woman in Labour that wears this *Necklace*, will almost to a wonder be easily, presently, and safely *Delivered*. For which reason *Dr. Chamberlen*, on the 19th of Nov. 1715, express'd himself to me in these words. *I desire (said he to me) that you will let the World know from ME, and in MY Name, that I expressly advise the Wearing of this Necklace to all Women in Labour: To all Children for their Teeth: And to all Persons that have any Ailment in any part belonging to their Head, and therefore I wish that all such Persons would wear it. For (said he) I myself for many Years have used of the very same Matter of which this Necklace is made, for the very same ends, and always with Success. Therefore if I MY SELF were Present, I would be the first Person that should put it about their Necks: For of all the things that I know in the whole World, there is nothing that can come near this Necklace for these ends.* These were exactly the *Drs.* own words to me in his Closet. The Truth of which he has been pleas'd himself often since to testify to several who have enquired of him about it. So that any Person that uses this *Necklace*, does nothing less then follow the Great *Dr. Chamberlen's* express advice, which no one can refuse in the above-mentioned Cases, of Women in Labour, and for Children. Let therefore no one rashly despise this Method of Cure, till they have unsuccessfully tried it, but rather esteem it, as a Pretty, Easy, and Safe one.

A Vast Many of these *Necklaces* are daily sold, (Being now used in great Numbers of Families with a constant success) & not so much as any ONE Person ever yet made the least Objection against them: which to be sure some Peevish Person or other, would not have failed to have done, if they cou'd but have found the least Room for any Flaw or Complaint in it. But on the contrary Persons continually magnifie it's Virtues, and express their abundant satisfaction in the Use of it: all agreeing in this one point, that they wou'd not for 100 pounds but have had it: And indeed since the increase of late Years of the Bills of Mortality is so great, that by them it plainly appears that in and about London (the same may be said of Paris or any other great City) above 12000 Children Yearly Die of their Teeth, and Convulsions and Feavers caus'd thereby, no Family ought to be without it: For out of the great Numbers of Children who have Worn this *Necklace* we do not know of so much as One that has died, but on the contrary has Bred, and Cut their Teeth without any Pain, and all the while thriv'd extreamly. And in reality more Children die of their Teeth then of all other Distempers put together whatsoever.

But what still adds infinitely more to even the Honour and Credit, as well as Value of this Great Necklace, then all that has been said of it, is: That Dr. Chamberlen not only almost daily sends great Numbers of Persons of his acquaintance to buy it, and also frequently sends for it HIMSELF for the use of his own Patients, having of late sent for a prodigious number: but also constantly, himself Wears one of these Necklaces on each Leg by way of Garters for the Cramp, which for many Years before he wore them, he was sorely afflicted with, as he is pleased to declare in the large Approbation which he has given of this Necklace inserted above in this Book in the beginning of the foregoing Scheme, which I desire my Reader to turn to. All which to be sure he would never do, if he was not fully convinced of it's Virtues.

THIS NECKLACE which is very Light, *not weighing more then a few Pepper-corns,* & consequently fit for Children, is not at all Unhandsome for even *Any Person* to Wear, [being Neatly made (as appears here by this Print of it) of a certain Volatil, Spirituous, Sulphureous BONE, filled & replete with Alcalious Atoms & Effluvijs, so loaded with Volatil, Anodyne, Alcalious Sulphur and Spirits, that nothing can compare with it for the end proposed, and is a particular Secret known to none but the Author.] & is to be had ONLY of the Gentlewoman up One pair of Stairs, At the Sign of the Sugar Loaf a Confectioners Shop over against Old Round Court, near the New Exchange in the Strand. And at no other Place. Price 5 s. with printed Directions for Wearing it, not only in English, but also in French, High German, Low Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Swedish, Danish, and Polish Languages, for the use and benefit of all European Forreigners.

Chap. V. Some Few Instances of the Success of this Necklace.

MR. Penny and his Lady at their House next Door to an Apothecaries in King-street, St. James's, are pleased to give leave, that the World may know by the Publication hereof, that by only putting (upon Dr. Chamberlen's recommendation) about their Child's Neck, (being the only Son they have left out of 16 Children) the celebrated Necklace for Children's Teeth, it has now cut several of its Teeth, being Nine Months old, and never has had any Illness, Uneasiness, or Pain at all during the whole time, but has Cut them without so much as even ONE CRY; and not only this, but all the time has so thrived, and been so healthy, and well, that a delicater finer Child, Eyes never beheld; as any Person that pleases may be there fully satisfied of, the Lady having given leave that any one may see the Child. September 12. 1716.

Note, Mr. Penny's Expression of the Necklace is, That every Bead of it is worth its weight in Gold.

WE Thomas and Elizabeth Griffiths who keepeth the Great Old Publick News-shop, near the Blew Post and Rummer at Charing Cross, do hereby Testifie that by only Putting about our Childs Neck at 3 Months Old the Celebrated NECKLACE Recommended by Dr Cham-

berlen for Childrens **TEETH**, it has now Cut most of it's Teeth being near a Year Old: and never has had any Fever, Convulsions, Pains, or other such usual Illnesses and uneasiness, which commonly attend Children in Breeding and Cutting their Teeth: but has all this time (notwithstanding it has Bred and Cut so many Teeth) so thrived and has all along been so Healthy and Well, that perhaps all England cannot shew a Lustier, Healthier, Brisker, Braver, Merrier, and Finer Boy, as any Person that pleases may be fully satisfied of, who will but give themselves the Trouble to come or send any one to see the Child. Witness our Hands this 14th of August 1716. **Tho. and Eliz. Griffiths.**

I John Powel, Shoemaker, and Frances Powel, my Wife, next door to Mr. Biggs, in Bowl-Yard, in St. Giles's in the Fields (in which Parish we have lived above 20 Years) do hereby Testifie, that having had Five Children, they all died of their Teeth but one, which lately, by a violent Fever and Loosness, caused by its Teeth, was brought so low that it looked like a mere Skeleton; but at last I was advised to a famous Necklace recommended by Dr Chamberlen, which I had no sooner hung about its Neck but the Child seemed sensibly to mend, and presently Cut a Tooth, and in a Day or two's time it Cut two more without any Pain or Fever at all: and at the time of Signing this Certificate is about Cutting another, and is now in as good Health, and become as fine and lusty a Child as ever he was before this illness, as any one that pleases may see. Witness our Hands this 20th of July, 1716. **John and Frances Powel.**

I Katherine Folkes, at Mr. Pearsons, next Door but 2 to Justice Rotherams in Dyot-street, St. Giles's, do hereby testify, that my Child being so very ill with hard Breeding and Cutting its Teeth, attended with a continual Cough and burning Fits, that I despaired of its Life: But by only wearing a little time the famous **NECKLACE** for Children's Teeth, recommended by Dr Chamberlen. it presently cut its Teeth without any Pain, and is now entirely recover'd and well, and from a poor, wasted, sickly Infant, is (thanks be to God) become a strong, lusty, healthful Child, as any one that pleases may see. Witness my Hand this 3d of July 1716. **Katherine Folkes.**

A Child of the Japaner's in Token-house Yard in Leaden-Hall-Street, being so wasted away with Sickness, and withal in such Danger from very hard Breeding and Cutting its Teeth, that every one despaired of its Life; by only wearing some little time this Necklace, it presently cut three Teeth without any Pain, and from a poor, weak, sickly pining Infant, became a lusty, brave, healthy, strong Child, as any one that pleases may be there farther certify'd of by seeing the Child. Nov. 1. 1716. Which prodigious Alteration wrought on this Child, evidently proves the wonderful Efficacy of this Sovereign Necklace, whose Nature is such, that any Person might safely lay any equal Wager, on its having the very same Effect on 18 or 19 Children out of 20.

I Testifie that my Child was so troubled with Fits from the very hard Breeding of its Teeth, that its Life was despaired of; but by only wearing the celebrated **NECKLACE**, recommended by Dr. Chamberlen for Childrens Teeth, it presently recovered, and is now as well as ever is

was in its Life, never having had so much as ONE Fit after the usual lace was hung about its Neck, and has worn it now about three Months. This I am willing should be published for the Good of other Children. October 3d, 1716. Job Hodgkinson Gardiner, at the Flower-pot, near the Royal Oak in the lower Street, Islington.

A Gentlewoman in Tears, having a long time been so terribly afflicted with a Pain in her Head, especially in the Mornings, that for some Hours she could not only scarcely hold up her Head, or be capable of any business, but also thro the violence and continuance of it, had her Sight very much impaired. By only wearing lately (upon Dr. Chamberlen's recommendation) this NECKLACE, she is now entirely free from her Pain, and her Sight is perfectly cleared. The Gentlewoman her self is willing farther to satisfy any Person about it. Enquire of Mrs. Lloyd at the Old Victualling Office Coffee House on Tower-Hill. NOV. 4. 1716.

A Young Gentlewoman who almost from her Infancy had such Some Weak Eyes, that she cou'd hardly look at, or bear the Light: by wearing only this NECKLACE has her Eyes now so strengthened, as to read the smallest Print, which she could never do before: OCT. 30. 1716. The Person that disposes of this NECKLACE, will direct any one to the Gentlewoman.

I could here reckon up great numbers of other such undeniable Instances of Cures (I might say Wonders) perform'd by this Necklace on Men, Women, and Children, but for want of room am forced to make an end, and therefore must refer my Reader to the Publick Prints, in which almost daily Testimonies and Certificates of Cures performed by it, are and of late have been publickly Advertised: hoping that from thence, as well as from what has been here advanced throughout this Little Essay, my Reader will together with me be throly convinced and satisfied, of the great Virtue and Efficacy of this Admirable NECKLACE.

NOTE. If any Gentlemen, Traders, Merchants, Captains, or Mates of Ships, or others Trading abroad to the East or West-Indies or elsewhere, will take either any of these Necklaces, or of the following Drops, or Plums: or of the Specifick Remedy or Elixir mention'd above in the Practical Scheme of Secret Injuries & Broken Constitutions, they shall not only have a very large Allowance from the Person that sells these Necklaces, by a very great abatement of the Price they are sold at here by Retail, with Printed Directions to each to carry along with them in every one of the abovementioned Forreign Languages, for the use and benefit of Merchants and others Trading to France, Germany, Holland, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Muscovy, and Turkey; but also may gain considerably by them otherwise: For Example: Several have already carried them abroad, and Sold the Necklaces for 10 s. a peice. The Specifick Remedy and Elixir, (each of which is enough oftentimes to cure several Persons) for double the Price they are Sold at here: The same also the Drops and Plums.

A P P E N D I X.

OF SAFFRON DROPS, and Purging SUGAR-PLUMS.

SAffron is allow'd by all Physicians to be the greatest Vegetable Cordial in the World. 'Tis the Chive of a little Flower from a Plant, very plentiful about *Saffron-Walden* in *Cambridgeshire*, where the best Saffron in the World grows. The Character Physicians give of Saffron is this, That it exhilarates the Heart, revives all the Senses and Spirits; resists and drives out the Plague and all Malignant Feavers, gives freeness of Breath, provokes Urine, gives a good Appetite and Digestion, causes Sleep and Rest; Cures the Cholick and Pain in the Stomach, &c.

The Virtues therefore of this little Plant being so great: At the above-mention'd *Sugar-loaf* are also Sold, in little Neat Pocket-Bottles, certain Drops drawn from Saffron, & therefore called by the Name of SAFFRON DROPS; being of great Use for the Stomach and Blood, to drive and keep out any Distemper or Malignity from the Heart, Blood, and Vitals in all those Cases where Sweats, Cordials, Saffron, Sack, Black-Cherry, or Treacle-Water, Venice-Treacle, Diacordium, Mithridate, Treacle-Posset, Treacle or Rosemary and Ale, at going to Bed, and such-like Things are usually given; as in all sudden Illnesses from Heats & Colds, all sorts of Feavers and Feaverish Dispositions, Small-Pox, Measles, Surfeits, Indigestions, and all Malignant, Pestilential, and Contagious Diseases at Sea or Land, proceeding from corrupted and changed Airs, and Climates, bad Liquors, and Diet, Hard Drinking, Fast-living, and other Disorders: They wonderfully help Shortness of Breath, Wheezing, Pitsicky and other Coughs, proceeding from a sharp tickling Humor dripping on the Lungs by opening their Ear'd Pipes and Passages. They kill and destroy Worms, strengthen a weak Stomach, and keep the Gout out of it; give a good Appetite and Digestion, restore and increase the Vital-Balsam in Consumptions, and inward Wastings; and for any sudden Indisposition, Qualm, Faintings, want of Spirits, Sickness at Heart, or Stomach, or any other Illness or Indisposition whatsoever, in all Ages, Sexes, and Constitutions (for even Infants and Women with Child, may safely take them) they are a most excellent thing. They give present ease in the Cholick and Gripes, take away Vapours, and Illness of the Head, by rectifying the Tone of a depraved Stomach. And for all Infectious Distempers, they are of such excellent Use, by keeping the Person entirely HEART WHOLE in the midst of the Infection, that if these Drops had but been used in those Countries where the Plague has of late Years raged, above two thirds of those who died might have been saved. These Drops abundantly surpass the use of any Stomach Elixir, or any Bitter, Cordial, or Purging Tincture, such as *Ruffy's*, and such-like Elixirs; being infinitely more friendly to the Stomach than Wormwood, Centaury, or any other such In-

redient, of which most Tinctures, Elixirs, and Bitters are usually made. These DROPS taken in a Morning (altho' by Persons never so well in Health) in a little Ale or Wine will do more Service than some Quarts of Scurvy-Grass-Ale, Purl, or any other such Draughts, in order to preserve the whole Day after from any Illness, Infection, or Indisposition whatsoever. They are of great Use in all Obstructions, provoke Urine, expel Wind, bring away Slime and Gravel from the Kidnies, Reins and Bladder. They may be taken at any time of the Day whenever you please, in a little Beer, Ale, or Wine; or take them 2 or 3 times a Day, or Morning, and Night; or only in the Morning, just as you please: They require no confinement within Doors, or keeping warm (because they are not Physick) but may be taken at any Hour in the Day, at home, or abroad, and consequently are the prettiest, portable, ready Thing in all the abovementioned Cases; but especially those that proceed from a foul Blood, & disordered Stomach, that can possibly be for Family, Sea, or Travelling Use, being indeed chiefly Cordial, but yet a little Alterative so as to give a Person at least one Stool in 24 hours. These Drops are as necessary for all Seamen, Soldiers, and Travellers, who pass thro' different Climates, and corrupted Airs, and Eogs, to carry with them as their daily Food, to preserve from Infection & the Scurvy. Sealed up with Directions in English, & French. Pr. 1 s. a Bottle, Or 9 s. a Dozen.

Purging SUGAR-PLUMS entirely without Mercury.

SO often mentioned in the Publick Prints, & used now for several Years in great Numbers of Families with such great success & likeing: not to be distinguished by any Mortal Living from common Sugar-Plums bought at the Confectioners; only those at the Confectioners are quite Round, whereas these are made something Flatish; but as for their Colour, Taste, Smell, &c. 'tis impossible for any one that eats them, to distinguish 'em from a common Sugar-Plum, A lump of Loaf-Sugar, or A bit of Sugar-Candy: having neither any Nauseous, Sickly, Physical, Squeamish or disagreeable Taste, nor leaving any such Taste behind them in the Mouth, but may be eaten with the same Ease, Pleasure, and unconcernedness, that a bit of Sugar-Candy, or A common Sugar-Plum is; and consequently are so pretty, innocent, and easy a Thing to take for Men and Women of nice and squeamish Palates, and Children who will not take Physick; (for you may here deceive them with a Sugar-Plum, when they will take nothing else) cleansing the Body and Stomach of all foul Humors, without any hindrance of Business, or staying whole Days within Doors, as you must with any other Physick (for their Working will be all over in about 2 Hours time, eat them when you will) that it is only not knowing of them, that makes Persons not have them: For any one that takes them, will afterwards find themselves quite another Thing from what they were before: They'll be so easy; Breathe so freely: have a Stomach to their Mear: Sleep so sound: and in

sh be so lightsome & healthy that nothing but your trial of them can convince you of their good effect; being of use in all common Cases, where cleansing the Stomach, and carrying off foul Humors is required; carrying off at once what otherwise would lay the foundation of a fit of Sickness; so that if persons upon the very first approach of any Sickness or Indisposition from *Scurfs, Heats, Colds, Drinking, &c.* before they think of *Bleeding, Sweating,* or any thing else, would but presently out of hand, when they first find themselves out of order, Eat but a few of these little *Plums*, they would be as well again in four Hours time as ever they were in their Lives, whereas otherwise they may lie by it several Weeks. *Price 12 d. a Dozen* Buy as many or as few as you please, with Printed Directions for their Use in *English* and *French*, which I desire every one to read before they Try them. Or 9 s. a Gros. So that if any Shopkeeper or others in Town or Country is willing to sell them again, they may be furnished at the abovementioned *Sugar-Loaf* over against *Old Round Court* near the *New Exchange* in the *Strand*; and shall be very kindly used, with the abovesaid large allowance, and a Fine large Printed sheet to hang out if they desire it: And whatever are damaged, or not sold, may at any time be returned again so that no one can be any Loser by them.

One *Plum* (which will cost only a Penny, and is entirely without *Mercury*) is enough to Purge a Child of 2, 3, or 4 Years Old. Two one of 5, 6, or 7. Three one of 8, 9, and upwards: And a Man or Woman may Eat 4, 5, or 6 of them, according to their Strength and Constitution. The use of these *Plums* is as follows.

I. They kill, destroy, and bring away all sorts of *Worms*, with the slimy Corrupted Matter that breeds them; having brought away from several Men, Women, and Children, great knots of such **WORMS** as these.



And on *Christmas Eve, 1714*. Two of these *Plums* brought away alive near half a Pint of these sort of *Worms*, from the Child of Mr. *Dixon*, a *Taylor*, in *Feathers-Court* in *St. Martins-Lane*. An account of which any one may see more at large in an Advertisement in the *Evening-post* on *Tuesday Dec. 28, 1714*.

Now *Worms* are in the Bodies of most Men & Women as well as Children, causing gnawings and pains in Stomach and Bowels the *Cholick, Feavers, Gripes, Pinings* and *Wastings* away; with an innumerable train of other Diseases and Indispositions, which People are usually astonished at, whereas at the bottom they all come from **WORMS**.

These *Plums* have been given to Children and others how

were in a pining Condition, and could not Eat, and to such as have been afflicted with Vomiting; and to Children who have had the *Rickets*, and almost eaten up with *Worms*; and they have been almost miraculously cured, by once or twice taking them, and afterwards grew Fat and Lusty;: For these Plums take away as those Obstructions, which hinder the Nutriment from going to its respective Parts; so that Persons who were before almost continually ailing and out of Order, by taking of these Plums have afterwards had their Healths extraordinarily.

II. They cure of all sorts of AGUES, & *Intermitting Fevers*, being taken by 7 or 8 Hours before the Fit, by clearing the *Stomach* of that nasty load and Cake which lies there, and causes the FIT.

III. They cleanse and clear the Pipes of the *Lungs* of that *Flegm* with which they are stuffed and clogged up, that causes *Coughs*, *Wheezings*, Shortness and difficulty of *Breathing*; so that Persons will find wonderful ease, releif and freeness of *Breath*, altho they may have been in a *Wheezing* & *Coughing* Condition several Years, and almost at the Brink of the *Grave* for want of *Breath*.

Lastly They carry off all those Crudities, which mixing themselves with the Blood, cause the *Scurvy*, *Gout*, *Dropsy*, *Rheumatism*, and other wandring Pains, the *Green-sickness*, *Faundice*, *Itch*, and other Ailments which proceed from a corrupted Blood, & a foul *Stomach*, giving a good Appetite and Digestion. And takes away those Fumes which cause Pains in the *Head*, *Vapours*, *Apoplexies*, Difficulty of *Hearing*, and other such Indispositions of the *Head*.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

FOR the Publick Good, and general Improvement of Mankind in the way of **WRITING**; whoever Buys either One of the above-mention'd Necklaces: Or a Bottle of the Saffron Drops: Or a Dozen of these Sugar-Plums, may have GIVEN them GRATIS in English or French (into the Bargain) if they desire it, that great and inestimable Secret which the Ingenious and Learned World has so long tried to find out, and is now at last discovered, being entirely a New Invention, never found out till now: By which any Person may **WRITE AS FAST AS SPEAK**. Write a whole Sentence sooner then a Word: Write as much in a few Minutes as usually in a whole Day: As much on One Page, as otherwise on 7 or 8: and consequently have as much represented to the View at one Sight, as otherwise would require the Reading of several Hours: which makes it so great a help to the Memory, that as much may be Read and Studied in One Day, as otherwise can in a Week. And consequently as much Progress made in Learning and Business by this way of Writing in One Year, as usually is in 7 or 8, and that with much less Labour and Pains. From whence it is easy to Judge the Profit of this New Way of Writing, since by it so much Time and Labour is saved. Necessary for all Members of Parliament, Lawyers, Divines, Ladies, Students, Shopkeepers, Travellers, and in fact all sorts of Persons from the highest to the lowest Quality, Degree, Rank, Station, Condition, Learning, Trade, Business, Employa-

ment or Profession whatsoever; To Write down presently even in their Pocket Book, if they please, as it were unconcernedly, and rather by way of a Diversion than any thing else, whatever they hear or see done. This Method of Writing the Author invented indeed at first for his own private use in his Studies: and finding great benefit and ease by it, in the quick dispatch of Writing, and Business, now communicates it to the World for the publick Good and Assistance of others. — But, this Method of Writing is not to be Sold by it self ALONE for any Money on any Account whatsoever, but only to be Given (for the Encouragement of Learning) to those who Buy any of the abovemention'd things.

'Tis true a Great many Methods of Swift Writing have been Published for near 200 Years last past by Authors: but so Difficult, Confused, and Burdensome to the Memory, that instead of Encouraging, they have only served to Deter many from Learning, who wou'd have Reaped great Benefit by it, had such an Easy, Plain, and Regular one been proposed as This is, not at all Burdensome to the Memory: but so very Easy and Plain that any one may presently Learn it. And how much such a Swift Method of Writing as this is, has been long desired by almost every Body, sufficiently appears from those Contractions and Abbreviations, Persons so frequently make use of in their Writings. In order to Write as fast as they can. Nothing therefore can be more useful to all Persons of Learning and Business for the Ready, Swift, and speedy Writing down their own Notes, and Observations; taking of Tryals, Speeches, Sermons, &c. than this way of Writing.

The End of this New way of Writing, is not so much to Write a great deal in a little Room, as a great deal in a little Time: 'Tis not saving of Paper, but Time is principally aimed at in this ART. And as for keeping Pace with a Moderate Speaker, which so many Authors of Short and Swift Writing so much boast of: 'Tis what no one is able of the very Authors themselves (let them pretend what they will) nor even One in 500 of their Scholars could ever yet do by any Method ever yet Extant, before THIS appeared in the World: They may Talk and Brag what they please: their Methods are so confused, puzzling, and intricate; So that had but an easy plain Method once been proposed (such as this is) 'tis certain that for one Learner hitherto, there wou'd have been 20, because it is so sure almost every body wou'd be glad to Write as Fast as Speak, if they cou'd but Easily Learn it, by this Method, which consists only of a few Rules and Principles: and is only established, that when you have Writ one Line, you may write ten Thousands: and is equally fitted to any Language whatever; as be it English, French, Latin, Dutch, or any other, which was never yet formed by any Author.

And what Confirms me still more in my Esteem of this way of Writing, is that several Honourable Members of both Houses of Parliament, who have already Learnt this Method recommending it from one to Another, have so expert in it, and found such benefit by it, that they confessed afterwards, that they would not for 500 l. have been without it, being indeed the only thing in its kind ever yet in the World.